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SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 1/5/54

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: GRAPEVINE  
SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

While discussing other matters with former Special Agent [redacted] on January 5, 1954, he advised me that Gordon Phillips, former Special Agent, has been made Editor of the Grapevine and that Phillips represents the new element in the Society of Former Special Agents. According to [redacted] Phillips is desirous of making the Grapevine a semi-professional magazine slightly larger in size than the Readers Digest and consisting of about 24 pages which can be given wide circulation particularly to members of the Chamber of Commerce.

[redacted] stated that the newer element in the Society has been making definite steps in controlling some of the aspects of the organization which heretofore have been under the control of the old crowd. He said they were successful in getting the office away from [redacted] and getting private office space in a hotel in New York City and now they have been able to get the Grapevine away from the old crowd and in the hands of the newer people who are friendly toward the Bureau. He said Phillips represents this attitude.

He stated that Phillips had written a letter to Mr. Clegg on December 15, 1953 requesting an unusual photograph of the Bureau for the cover page of the first issue of the new Grapevine, which is the January issue. He said Phillips had not heard anything from Mr. Clegg and as a result they have now decided to use former Special Agent Frank G. Clements for their cover picture and cover story since Clements as Governor of Tennessee has been selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding young man of the year. [redacted] said that this has not been publicized as yet. [redacted] said that Phillips was wondering what happened to his request and as a matter of fact the new Editor would be interested in obtaining a monthly squib from the Bureau to run in the magazine. I told [redacted] I would check and let him know the status of the letter to Mr. Clegg.

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After checking with Mr. Nichols, I called [redacted] and told him that Mr. Clegg had received the letter, that he had been out of town and he had just recently referred the letter to the Crime Records Section to try to work up something and that was the reason the letter had not been acknowledged as yet. I told [redacted] in view of the fact they had selected another cover story, that he should inform Phillips we would be glad to keep the matter in mind for future consideration. I told [redacted] we would consider the

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matter closed and if a subsequent photograph was desired, he should have Phillips get in touch with the Director. [redacted] said he would so advise Phillips. b6

I also advised [redacted] that the Society had a long way to go to prove its loyalty to the Bureau and I mentioned specifically the fact that the Society had never taken any action to expel [redacted] from its membership [redacted]

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I have advised Mr. Nichols it would not be necessary for the Crime Records Section to take any further action on Phillips' letter to Mr. Clegg and that [redacted] would handle the inquiry with Phillips.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

*J. J. [signature]*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 8, 1954

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SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

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There is attached a twenty-one page memorandum concerning the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. This memorandum briefs information in file concerning the Society since its inception in 1937 and the relations we have had with it. There is also a section on the official publication of the Society, "The Grapevine," and a section entitled "Current Attitude of the Society." In addition, the current officers of the Society are set forth, as are the names and backgrounds of the various individuals in the Society with whom we have had trouble in the past.

This memorandum was compiled at the instructions of Mr. Nichols who also requested that it be kept in the form of a running memorandum and that the Administrative Division should keep it current from now on.

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SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

SYNOPSIS:

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE SOCIETY:

Society of Former Special Agents came into existence in 1937. The expressed purpose of the society as expressed in its constitution is "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members." Membership is open exclusively to men who were formerly Special Agents of the Bureau for at least one year. Constitution states he must be of good moral character and have served with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow Agents. Dues are \$5 per year. Society did not contact the Bureau at time of its inception. First directory put out in October, 1937, and reflected membership of approximately 100. In 1940, an officer of the Society contacted the Director and offered the services of individuals in the Society to the Bureau during the emergency. This offer was declined. In 1944 the Society set up an Employment Committee to aid their members in obtaining employment. In 1946 it was ascertained that the Society had contracted for rings and pins carrying X-FBI on the emblem. According to a circular issued by the Society in 1947, the Society was initiating a membership drive and the circular indicated their goal for 1947 was 1500 members. In 1949 former Agents [redacted] presented plans to the Bureau for a new group of ex-Agents who would be close to the Bureau and with whom the Bureau would have cordial and friendly relations. Their plans were considered by the Executive Conference in January, 1950, but there was such a divergence of opinion that nothing was done. Since approximately 1950 younger men have taken over the positions of responsibility in the Society and have gradually displaced the old anti-Bureau group. In March, 1950, President of the Society, Charles O. Blaisdell, called on the Director and expressed his hope of closer cooperation with the Bureau. Society came strongly to the defense of the Bureau in January, 1950, when the Bureau was being severely criticized and President Truman was being asked to have it investigated. In August, 1950, the President of the Society requested the Director to be the honored guest at their dinner, but the invitation was declined. In December, 1950, the Society, both individually and collectively, came strongly to the defense of the Bureau in combatting Max Lowenthal's book. We have had difficulty in the past with various

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chapters of the Society extending invitations to field offices to attend their various activities and in turn various ex-Agents have been invited to attend Bureau social activities. To combat this, SAC Letter Number 53-22, dated March 24, 1953, was issued. This SAC Letter advised the field that field offices should not invite chapters of the Society to attend FBI functions without prior Bureau approval, and the Bureau did not desire to provide any official recognition of the organization.

"THE GRAPEVINE":

"The Grapevine" is the official organ of the Society of Former Special Agents. The first issue was published in September, 1938. The December, 1949, issue of "The Grapevine" was "In Honor of Mr. Hoover" to celebrate the Director's 25th Anniversary as Director. "The Grapevine" has never published anything derogatory concerning the Bureau or its personnel.

CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIETY:

On January 5, 1954, Mr. J. P. Mohr of the Bureau discussed this matter with former Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] advised that the newer element in the Society had been making definite steps in controlling some of the aspects of the organization which previously had been under the control of the old crowd. They have obtained independent office space and have put a younger and apparently more able man in charge of "The Grapevine." All this younger crowd are friendly toward the Bureau.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

At their annual dinner held in New York on November 9, 1953, the following officers were elected for the 1954 year:

Robert M. Dore, President  
Thomas O. Davis, First Vice-President  
William A. Costello, Second Vice-President  
John A. Breen, Third Vice-President  
George R. Blue, Fourth Vice-President  
A. Hale Watkins, Secretary  
Eugene M. Ward, Treasurer  
Ralph F. Batch, Executive Committee  
Daniel L. O'Connor, Executive Committee

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Robert Dore, the new President, is in good standing with the Bureau.

INDIVIDUALS IN THE SOCIETY WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME:

There is also set forth a brief personnel file review on the following individuals in the Society, either currently or in the past, who have been particularly troublesome as far as the Bureau is concerned. These individuals are [redacted]

WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FBI, INC.

Washington Chapter of the Society large and active inasmuch as number of former Agents now in other government positions. We have had cordial but limited relations with Washington Chapter and have sponsored two trips to Quantico (MAY 1950, MAY 1952) for them with their sons. Some individuals in Chapter not in good standing with Bureau but, on the other hand, other individuals in Chapter very friendly toward Bureau. 1953 President of Washington Chapter James M. McInerney.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we cooperate with the Society to the extent that we furnish official pictures for publication in "The Grapevine" when they request them as they have in the past.

I do not agree. I don't see how we can officially recognize this group so long as they have members who possess prior criminal records

We will consider each request separately. As to any official recognition of this group my views are the same as expressed in Bag Letter through 24, 1953 & set forthon P. 8 of this memo.

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January 8, 1954

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

ORGANIZATION HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE SOCIETY:

This Society first came to the attention of the Bureau in August of 1937. At that time many former Agents forwarded to the Bureau a copy of a form letter which they had received on the stationery of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. The numerous former Agents who forwarded copies of the letter they had received made inquiry as to whether or not the organization had the sanction and approval of the Bureau. There is no indication in Bureau files that the organizers of the Society ever approached the Bureau in regard to the formation of this group.

Since the above referred to form letter gives much of the organization, lists the original officers and the purpose of the Society, it will be quoted in part below.

"The Committee on Membership has instructed me to extend to you a cordial invitation to join the Society, and I am very happy to do so. So that you may understand the purpose of the Society and may know some of the details of its organization, the following facts are noted.

"Since February of this year a group of former Special Agents who are located in the Metropolitan New York area have applied themselves to a consideration of the idea of organizing and to the actual organization of a society such as has now been formed. The response to the idea was so positive and so enthusiastic in the case of everyone consulted that it was felt that there was a general desire for such society, and on this premise, we have proceeded to build a framework of an organization which we hope and expect will be a credit to its officers and other members, both individually and collectively.

"A Constitution and a set of Bylaws have been adopted and acting thereunder, we have elected the following officers to serve until the first annual meeting which will be held on the last Friday of November, 1937:

"Charles J. Scully - President, John Brann, Vice President, Wayne Merrick - Treasurer and the undersigned Secretary.

"The purpose of the Society as expressed in the Constitution is 'the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members.' Membership is open exclusively to those men who were formerly Special Agents of the Bureau and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein. The proposed member must be a man of good moral character and must have served with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow Agents.

"The dues have been fixed at \$5 per annum and assessments can be levied only upon the proposal of the Executive Committee and vote of the general membership. You have been proposed for membership and have been considered favorably by the Committee on Membership, and you may, therefore, become a member by communicating to the undersigned your wish to become such and by remitting your dues. Those who join and pay their dues before August 31, 1937, will be chartered members. Checks, money orders, etc., should be drawn payable to the order of Wayne Merrick, Treasurer, and they may be forwarded either to him directly or to the undersigned, in either case in care of the Society at Room 1010, One Park Avenue, New York.

"Since we intend to compile and keep on file the names and addresses (residence and business) of former Special Agents, we shall be pleased to have you send yours to us even though you do not join at this time. If there is any additional information which you desire, please feel free to call upon us at any time as we shall be glad to furnish you with all available data.  
/s/ John F. O'Connell, Secretary."

The Director's initial comment regarding this Society when we were receiving copies of the above form letter was, "It is significant that this movement was initiated and organization formed before any contact was had with Bureau. It has all the earmarks of being certainly negatively friendly to say the least. H."

In connection with the above remark by the Director, it is interesting to note that O'Connell, the Secretary of the Society, in a letter to an individual who apparently questioned the purpose and motives of the organization after receiving his form letter, set forth the following: "With regard to your inquiry as to whether Director Hoover has approved the Society, I can only reply that I do not know. No one has at any time suggested that he does not approve of our organization, and I can think of no reason why he should not do so. It is our earnest hope and firm intention that the Society shall reflect the greatest credit upon its members, many of whom served under Mr. Hoover. In the same connection, I should like to point out that the only persons consulted about the formation of the Society about its policies and personnel are those who have been considered eligible for membership."

The first directory put out by the Society was dated October 1, 1937. It reflected a membership of approximately 100 members. The Society held its first annual meeting on November 18, 1937, at the New York Athletic Club.

The first direct contact by the Society with the Director appeared to be a letter dated July 8, 1940, to Mr. Hoover from John F. O'Connell who at that time was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society. In this letter, O'Connell stated, "In compliance with the wish of many members of the Society who desire to offer their services to the government without compensation during the present limited emergency, I take the liberty to inquire of you whether the services of the Society as such or those of many of its members as individuals would be desired by the Bureau under the circumstances."

O'Connell also forwarded a list of members as of January, 1940. This letter was acknowledged, and the offer of cooperation was declined.

In March, 1941, [redacted] a member of the Society, wrote to the Attorney General and offered the services of individuals of the Society for the duration of the war. This memorandum was referred to the Bureau, and the Director, in a memorandum to the Attorney General dated March 29, 1941, stated:

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"With reference to the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to which [redacted] refers, you might be interested to know that this association is headed by Mr. Bruce Bielaski and contains in its membership many so-called 'old-timers' who would not be able to meet the standards of the Bureau today or to keep up with the Bureau's present pace. The Society is not considered as a group which is friendly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Many of its members are now engaged in private detective work and in other types of work with which this Bureau should not be connected."

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According to a form letter dated November 6, 1944, the Society, in response to a popular demand from the membership and at the direction of the Executive Committee, had on October 26, 1944, appointed an Employment Committee. The following procedure was suggested for the purpose of disseminating information to the membership relative to positions available: Members of the Society having knowledge of openings for employment are requested to communicate this information to the Committee member located nearest to them. The members who were seeking employment or changes in employment were requested to make this fact known to the Committee in their locality.

With regard to the above, the Employment Committee members were geographically distributed in Atlanta, Georgia; Washington, D. C.; San Francisco, California; Los Angeles, California; St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; Houston, Texas and Cleveland, Ohio.

In October, 1946, the SAC of the Los Angeles Office advised that he had ascertained that at a recent meeting of the Society there was considerable discussion concerning the purchasing of lapel buttons to be worn by the members of the organization and that these buttons were to have on them, "X FBI Agents." The SAC was advised that the Bureau had ascertained that a contract had been let to a jewelry company to manufacture such pins at \$3.50. The Bureau also ascertained that the same company was working on a ring for ex-Special Agents. The SAC, Los Angeles, was advised to take no action in this matter.

According to a circular issued by the Society on June 5, 1947, the Society was initiating a membership drive. This form letter indicated that the present membership was 1,250 members and the 1947 goal was 1,500.



The Dun and Bradstreet publication, "Dun's Review," in their issue of May, 1949, carried an article by former Special Agent Thomas M. McDade entitled, "The Most Carefully Selected Men in the World." This article had to do with the selection and training of Bureau personnel. In regard to this article, the Director commented, "I regret to see this maverick outfit cashing in on the real FBI."

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In early November, 1949, [redacted] former Agent, called on the Director to discuss generally the desirability of the formation of a group of ex-Agents who could be close to the Bureau and with whom the Bureau would have cordial and friendly relations. The Director asked [redacted] to submit the matter in writing and [redacted] did so in a lengthy letter dated November 11, 1949. In his letter he listed considerations deemed basic and mechanics of establishing the organization and he went into some detail under each subheading. Along the same lines, the Director also asked former Special Agent [redacted] to furnish his views as he had previously made the same suggestion. The Director stated that he would like this matter studied by the Executive Conference although he realized that it had previously been considered and he had not acted favorably upon it.

Under cover of a letter dated January 26, 1950, former Agent [redacted] forwarded a memorandum for the consideration of the Director which he and [redacted] had prepared in regard to a proposed FBI Reserve.

The Executive Conference on January 30, 1950, took up the matter of an FBI Reserve as outlined by [redacted]. It was suggested that these men meet with Bureau officials to discuss the matter more in detail. In brief, the Executive Conference's opinion boiled down to three points: one, formation of a new organization. This viewpoint was held by the majority of the Executive Conference. Two, indirect collaboration and recognition of present Society of Former Agents. This was the position of [redacted]. Three, direct communication with former FBI Agents. This was the view held by [redacted]. With regard to these three views, the Director noted with respect to number one, "I think memorandum of [redacted] should be studied in view of first recommendation." The Director did not comment regarding point number two, but regarding point number three stated, "I think [redacted] idea might be implemented by adding such names to our mailing list, maybe a special list to be sent material other than regular list."

In a memorandum dated March 13, 1950, [redacted] noted that he had talked to former Agent Downey [redacted] regarding the Society. [redacted] stated that generally the organization was now in the hands of an aggressive bunch of young men, most of whom had comparatively recently resigned from the Bureau, that they were honestly endeavoring to do a good job and were hopeful of assisting the Bureau in every possible way. He said he realized there had been at one time a great number of this Society belonging to the "I hate the Bureau" group

but that they were endeavoring to get rid of these individuals and he stated that he also realized that there would probably always be some few in the organization the Bureau could not approve of; however, he emphasized that they would certainly be in the minority and not a controlling factor.

On March 21, 1950, former Agent Charles O. Blaisdell, who at the time was president of the Society, called on the Director. Blaisdell stated that he was hopeful that at least during his administration and in the years to come, the organization might become closer to the Bureau. He stated he realized that some years back there were elements in the Society which were not particularly friendly to the present Bureau administration but he believed these elements were now in the minority.

The Director told Mr. Blaisdell that he realized there were some very excellent men in the Society who were particularly friendly to the present administration of the Bureau but that there was also a hostile group. Blaisdell advised that they were endeavoring not to take into membership any Agent whose record was not clear in the Bureau but that they had no way or means of ascertaining what the Agent's record was. The Director commented that Blaisdell's attitude was excellent and that he believed he had a very sincere desire to administer the Society in a manner that would be satisfactory to the Bureau.

In January, 1950, the Society came strongly to the defense of the Bureau at a time when it was being severely criticized and President Truman was being asked to conduct an investigation of the activities of the Bureau. On January 25, 1950, Blaisdell, as President of the Society, sent a strong telegram to President Truman protesting the criticism directed at the FBI. Many of the chapters and individuals in various chapters of the Society wrote to the Bureau offering their assistance in combating this criticism.

On May 20, 1950, the Washington Chapter of the Society had a Father and Son Day at Quantico which was a great success.

In August, 1950, Mr. Blaisdell extended an invitation to the Director to be the honored guest at the Society's annual dinner in New York. This invitation was cordially declined.

In December, 1950, at the time Max Lowenthal's book was released, the Society again offered all its resources both collectively and individually in combating this attack on the Bureau.

In April 19, 1951, the Society requested 2,000 copies of the Director's statement before the Kefauver Committee so that these copies could be sent to members of the Society. This step was being taken in order to give wide circulation to the Director's statement and to bring the former Agents into closer focus with the Bureau's current activities. b6

On September 27, 1951, [redacted] in a memorandum to Mr. Nichols directed the latter's attention to a memorandum from the Director dated December 17, 1951, reflecting his interview with former Special Agent Robert W. Dick, President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] in the memorandum stated that while he fully understood why the Director could not respond to Mr. Dick's invitation to the annual banquet, he felt that perhaps the Bureau might want to send a ranking official of the FBI to appear. This reasoning was based on the fact that on the whole, former Agents of the Bureau are loyal and desire to do everything possible to help the Bureau. It was also pointed out that a former Agent is in a better position than anyone else to be of assistance to the Bureau and that we should take whatever action possible within reason to solicit the cooperation of former Agents. The Director noted, "We can consider this should they extend any invitations in the future."

Another trip to Quantico for the Washington Chapter was sponsored on May 17, 1952, and 46 former Agents and 87 boys attended. This trip also was a great success.

In November, 1952, we had some trouble with the local Chapter inasmuch as [redacted] of the Washington Chapter, who was most friendly and cooperative, was contacting Mr. Nichols on an "off the record basis" regarding the background of new applicants for the local Chapter. [redacted] apparently breached this confidence by mentioning it to [redacted] another former Agent who was also very friendly. In commenting on this, Mr. Nichols stated, "It seems to me that while [redacted] might have been well motivated, this merely goes to show we probably cannot ever do anything with this outfit." Mr. Tolson commented, "We should have absolutely nothing to do with this group in the future." The Director noted, "I agree. I have always had my doubts."

In October, 1952, the Blatz Brewing Company was host to the Milwaukee Chapter of the Society at the Blatz Auditorium, according to the February, 1953, issue of the "Grapevine." Many of the Agents of the Milwaukee Office attended this party. SAC Murphy was contacted and admitted that he and the ASAC and possibly 20 Agents of the Milwaukee Office and their wives had attended this gathering. He was advised that in the future, he should receive prior Bureau authority before attending such a gathering. As a result of this, Mr. Tolson suggested an SAC Letter and the Director said, "Yes. There are no doubt some fine men in the ex-Agent Society but there are also some 'stinkers' and I don't want official recognition of it on any occasion unless it has been cleared here." (67-029)

There had been other instances in the past when SAC's or Field Office personnel had not shown discretion in their contact with the Society or individuals in the Society. As a result of this and to keep the Bureau's position throughout the field uniform in regard to the Society, the following was set forth in SAC Letter Number 53-22 dated March 24, 1953:

|| "SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI -- If your office receives invitations to attend any functions of the above-captioned group, prior Bureau approval should be obtained. Field Offices should not invite chapters of the Society to attend FBI functions without prior Bureau approval. The Bureau realizes that there are many very fine men who are members of the above-captioned group, but, on the other hand, there are some who, frankly, do not have the Bureau's best interests at heart and, consequently, the Bureau does not desire to provide any official recognition of the organization. This information is made available to you for your personal guidance."

"THE GRAPEVINE"

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[REDACTED] of ONI, a former Special Agent, did request material in connection with an article which he was doing for "The Grapevine" regarding the Bureau's war activities. With regard to his request, the Director commented, "I think it okey to give [REDACTED] the material. It might do some good."

In June, 1946, Robert W. Dick, Editor of "The Grapevine," wrote to the Director advising Mr. Hoover that for the past three years he had been editor of this publication. Dick stated that all former Special Agents were interested in the activities of the Bureau and its Director and requested the Director to write a short article for "The Grapevine." His letter was cordially acknowledged, and the Director advised that he would keep an article for "The Grapevine" in mind although the pressure of other work precluded the preparation of such an article at that time.

On December 15, 1949, Dick wrote to the Director enclosing copies of "The Grapevine" which had just been issued. This issue, which is not dated, was published "In Honor of Mr. Hoover" and contained the Director's picture on the front page. Mr. Dick was cordially thanked for forwarding copies of this issue. This issue was published to commemorate the Director's Twenty-fifth Anniversary as Director of the Bureau.

On March 2, 1951, the Director wrote a very cordial letter to former Special Agent [REDACTED] thanking him for cooperation extended to Agents of the New York Office and also thanking him for the book review he did on the Max Lowenthal book which appeared in the February, 1951, issue of "The Grapevine." The Director stated, "I want to take this opportunity to commend you for a very splendid, straightforward analysis of the book."

Whenever "The Grapevine" has made any mention of the Bureau, the Director or Bureau personnel, they have always done so in a most commendatory way. (94-3-4-1036)

CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIETY:

The current attitude of the Society is probably best exemplified by setting forth the results of a conversation on January 5, 1954, between former Special Agent [redacted] and Mr. J. P. Mohr of the Bureau.

[redacted] advised Mr. Mohr that Gordon Phillips, former Special Agent had just been made editor of "The Grapevine" and that Phillips represents the new element in the Society of Former Special Agents. According to [redacted] Phillips is desirous of making "The Grapevine" a semiprofessional magazine slightly larger in size than "The Reader's Digest" and consisting of about twenty-four pages which can be given wide circulation, particularly to members of the Chamber of Commerce.

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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., elects their officers annually. According to the December, 1953, issue of "The Grapevine," elections were held at the annual dinner meeting in New York on November 9, 1953. The officers elected for the 1954 year were as follows:

Robert M. Dore, President  
Thomas O. Davis, First Vice-President  
William A. Costello, Second Vice-President  
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George R. Blue, Fourth Vice-President  
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INDIVIDUALS IN THE SOCIETY WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME:

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It is pointed out that the 1953 membership directory of the Society fails to reflect that [ ] is a member of the Society.



THOMAS H. TRACY:

Thomas H. Tracy entered on duty with the Bureau as a Special Agent on October 27, 1924, and resigned on October 27, 1937. He served as an Agent in many field offices and was a Special Agent in Charge from 1928 to 1931. His last office was New York where he was a Special Agent. His last efficiency rating in the Bureau was excellent.

His personnel file reflects that he had considerable investigative abilities but at times lacked a sense of balance and judgment. On July 22, 1937, he was suspended without pay for an indefinite period pending investigation of charges against him. These charges arose out of the fact that Tracy discussed certain confidential information [redacted] who in turn was responsible for the information reaching one of the New York newspapers. Investigation reflected that this was actually the case.

After his suspension, which terminated August 21, 1937, Tracy was ordered transferred to Detroit. Tracy wrote to the Director advising that his personal situation made it impossible for him to accept this transfer and requested that it be cancelled. His letter was dated August 23, 1937. He was advised that it would not be possible to cancel this transfer. On October 27, 1937, Tracy wired his resignation from the Bureau to begin at 5:30 P. M. on that day.

After leaving the Bureau's service, Tracy started a fact-finding bureau which was more or less a private detective agency. He capitalized on his former Bureau employment and his business card showed "Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice" in large letters referring to his former employment. Tracy later took into his organization W. F. Seery, also a former Agent of the New York Office who left that office shortly after Tracy's resignation.

Later on, [redacted] identified above, joined the organization [redacted] were continually bitter against the Bureau and the Director although each one pretended friendship. They never hesitated to capitalize upon their former Bureau employment and this was reflected in their business cards which pointed out the fact in large print that they were former FBI Agents.

*The 1953 Membership Directory of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated, reflects that Thomas H. Tracy is a member of the Society and his business is listed as "Consultant Investigations, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York."*

WILLIAM F. SEERY:

William F. Seery entered on duty with the Bureau on March 18, 1922, and resigned April 20, 1938. While in the Bureau, Seery served in numerous field offices and had been assigned to the New York Office for five years prior to his resignation. He was considered a very good investigative Agent and in his last efficiency report was excellent.

He wrote a letter of resignation to the Director on January 31, 1938, but did not give any reason for his resignation, only inferring that it was for personal reasons with which he did not want to burden the Director. However, Seery had been very friendly with Thomas H. Tracy; there were leaks to Tracy's investigative organization from the New York Office, and Seery was suspected as being the possible source because of his friendship with Tracy.

It was generally suspected when Seery resigned that he would work with Tracy and shortly after his resignation he did in fact become a partner and the firm was known as Tracy and Seery.

Seery was particularly troublesome after his resignation inasmuch as he made it a practice to call personnel of the New York Office in an attempt to solicit information from Bureau files. He was finally called in by the Special Agent in Charge and told in no uncertain terms to stop this practice.

Up until recently, Seery has been a power in the Society, but his power has gradually been curtailed by the new element. The records of the Society were formerly kept in his office, but the new element has finally been successful in getting the records and renting space for private offices for the Society.

The Membership Directory of the Society for 1953 reflects that Seery is carried in the membership. His business was listed as "Investigations" and he has an office at 70 Pine Street, New York, New York.

HENRY WILLIAM GRUNEWALD:

Henry William Grunewald is well known through considerable newspaper publicity which he has received in the recent past. He entered on duty as Special Agent with the then Bureau of Investigation on April 4, 1917, and was assigned to the New York Office. He resigned March 15, 1919. He made application for reappointment as a Special Agent in June of 1924, but his application was acted upon unfavorably. b6

Grunewald claims personal friendship with the Director which does not exist. He has been connected with numerous shady deals and has been involved in highly immoral situations. Grunewald was sentenced to a jail term in 1952 for contempt of Congress in connection with the King Committee investigations into tax scandals.

The Membership Directory of the Society for 1953 fails to reflect that he is currently a member of the Society.

On September 28, 1953, former Special Agent [redacted] who has taken a very active part in the Washington Chapter of the Society, was in contact with Mr. J. P. Mohr in regard to other matters. Mr. Mohr asked [redacted] if Grunewald was still a member of the Society pointing out that a recent article in the "New York Journal American" indicated that when Grunewald was found in a gas-filled hotel room in Jersey City one of the few items of identification he had on him was his membership card in the Society of former Special Agents. [redacted] advised that he had checked a month or two previously and ascertained that Grunewald had been dropped from the membership roll because of nonpayment of dues. [redacted] did state, however, that the Society does not have any rule or regulation concerning reinstatement, and if Grunewald sent in his dues at any time, he would be reinstated to active membership.

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By letter dated December 21, 1953, the SAC of the Philadelphia Office was requested to interview [ ] concerning his remarks.

By letter dated January 5, 1954, SAC, Philadelphia, advised that he had interviewed [ ] the previous day concerning his remarks

On December 31, 1953, [ ] was placed on the "List of Persons Not to Be Contacted Without Prior Bureau Approval," and the Philadelphia Office was so advised.

The Membership Directory of the Society for 1953 reflects that [ ] is a member of the Society.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF  
THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.:

Inasmuch as a number of individuals who have left the Bureau have accepted other government positions, the Washington Chapter of the Society is an unusually large and active one. We have had very limited but cordial relations with the Washington Chapter although there are individuals in it who are most vindictive toward the Bureau. On the other hand, there are a number of other individuals who have maintained a close friendship with the Bureau and with Bureau personnel.

In June, 1949, former Special Agent [redacted] contacted Mr. Nichols and advised him that the Washington Chapter of the Society was anxious to be of aid or assistance to the Director, personally, or to the Bureau in view of the newspaper reports rumoring the Director's resignation. [redacted] stated that most of the boys in the Washington Chapter that he had talked to were anxious to come to the Director's and the Bureau's defense. b6

In November, 1949, former Agent [redacted] talked with the Director regarding the formation of a group of ex-Agents who could be close to the Bureau and with whom the Bureau would have friendly and cordial relations. Details of this matter have been previously set forth.

In May, 1950, the Bureau sponsored an outing to Quantico for former Agents in the Washington Chapter and their sons. The outing was a great success, and the Washington Chapter expressed cordial gratitude to the Bureau for making this trip possible. In May of 1952 the same kind of a trip was again sponsored.

By letter dated January 7, 1953, James M. McInerney, Chairman of the Washington Chapter of the Society, cordially invited the Director to attend a cocktail party at the Touchdown Club in honor of the Governor of New Mexico and the Governor of Tennessee. This invitation was cordially declined.

As stated above, some of the individuals in the Washington Chapter are individuals who have been critical of the Bureau and are not in good standing with the Bureau. These individuals include

[redacted]  
[redacted] On the other hand, the local Chapter also has individuals as members who are very friendly and close to the Bureau. These individuals are exemplified by such persons as [redacted]  
[redacted]

James M. McInerney [redacted] was President of the Washington Chapter for the 1953 year.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *per Do*

DATE: 2/25/54

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS  
Los Angeles Division

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SAC Malone was calling the Bureau on other matters today and he said he was simply looking for some advice. He advised that the Society of Former Special Agents has a chapter in Los Angeles and that [redacted] has invited him to attend the next monthly meeting of the chapter as a special guest which would not mean that he would make any kind of a speech. Mr. Malone stated he realized the Bureau's attitude with respect to the society and he said Younger seemed to detect that there was some reluctance on the part of an SAC to attend a function of the society.

I explained to Mr. Malone that there were many members of the society who were very friendly to the Bureau but there were some who were unfriendly. I told him there was a very active chapter of the society in Washington, D. C. and many of the Bureau officials were personally acquainted with members of the chapter, yet I could not recall any Bureau official ever attending a meeting of the society in Washington and I doubted any would attend if they were invited. I told Mr. Malone I thought he should survey the chapter in Los Angeles and advise the Bureau in detail of his observations concerning it so that we could make a determination in the future as to whether he should accept any type of invitation from them.

Mr. Malone said he would address an appropriate communication to the Bureau in the near future and in the meantime he would express his regrets with respect to the current invitation to attend the monthly meeting of the society as a special guest.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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*[Signature]**29 Jan*





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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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February 1, 1954

*E. R. Day*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

(4) X Society of Former  
LEAD AGENTS

Enclosed you will find a few copies of the Granovine which you may find interesting.

This issue is the first of a new format for our publication under the direction of our new Editor, Gordon A. Phillips.

We hope to publish an issue of this type once a month except for July and August. If this material has any value to you and you would like to be placed on the list for future issues, we would very much like to hear from you.

I do hope this letter finds you in good health.

Cordially,

*Robert M. Dore*  
Robert M. Dore  
President

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FROM : SAC. Philadelphia  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/25/54

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On 1/24/54 I was contacted by former SA [REDACTED] who is quite active in the local chapter of the ex-agents' association. He advised that over the past year there has been a growing resentment among many of the members at the attempts by former SA WILFRED R. LORRY to dominate the chapter, particularly in view of what the members regarded as his gratuitous attempt to discredit the Bureau in the course of his courtroom defense of a Selective Service violator, and, more recently, with reference to his defense of persons called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and public speeches and statements thereon.

[REDACTED] stated that as a result of considerable quiet electioneering, LORRY was voted out as chapter President in the November election, being succeeded by STANLEY F. MANKAS, with AUSTIN H. GUNSEL as Secretary. b6

[REDACTED] continued that on the evening of January 19th there was a Philadelphia chapter meeting at which 21 ex-agents, including [REDACTED] were present, and that at that time the subject of [REDACTED] publicly identifying himself as a former FBI agent in connection with [REDACTED] was brought up for discussion; that all present joined in the process of taking [REDACTED] definitely to task in connection with these activities on his part, whereupon [REDACTED] attempted to defend his actions by a claim that as a member of the bar he must use all means possible within the bounds of legal ethics to insure that his clients receive equal justice under the law. [REDACTED] continued that these statements did not in any way satisfy the other ex-agents present, who took the point that it is entirely unethical for [REDACTED] to continue to refer to his former FBI connection and at the same time make public statements and speeches

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on behalf of persons who undoubtedly have been the subject of FBI investigation.

[ ] stated the chapter members feel quite strongly about [ ] and have even considered instituting action to expel him from the organization; that, however, it is the present feeling that should this be attempted, considerable publicity would ensue which might merely serve to focus public attention upon the entire situation and bring unwanted publicity upon the Bureau.

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It does appear from what [ ] told me that [ ] is becoming concerned over the regard in which he is held by his associates in this organization and that they, to an almost unanimous degree, felt rather strongly that he is deserving of considerable censure for his activities.

MR. TOLSON

1/27/54

J. P. MOHR



*Handwritten notes:*  
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C. A. [unclear]

Former Special Agent [redacted] advised me on January 26, 1954, that he had received a letter from former Special Agent Robert Milton Dore, who is presently the President of the Society of Former Special Agents and this letter referred to former Special Agent [redacted]. According to Dore's letter, [redacted] apparently has contacted the Society either in person or in writing advising them that the Bureau had blackballed him in trying to get seven or eight jobs, that since he had left the Bureau in October 1944 it was unfair on the part of the Bureau to continue this blackballing tactic. Dore in his communication to [redacted] stated he felt it was a most unfair practice on the part of the Bureau to blackball after an Agent has been out so long and that something should be done about it.

[redacted] stated he was simply calling the matter to my attention and advising me of the contents of the letter which he was sending to Dore telling him in effect to mind his own business. [redacted] said he was pointing out in his letter that he did not feel it was any business of the Society to tell the Bureau what policy the Bureau should follow with respect to its former employees and that he, [redacted] thought it was very presumptuous on the part of the Society or any of its members to try to dictate to the Bureau what policy should be followed with respect to former employees. [redacted] said he also pointed out to Dore that he, [redacted] would certainly resent any former employee of his trying to dictate to him how he should run his business and he felt Dore would feel the same way if he stopped to think about the matter for a moment.

I told [redacted] that the Bureau did not persecute former employees, that in response to inquiries we had to furnish the facts and I thought it was very presumptuous on the part of Dore to take the action which he did. I again took occasion to point out to [redacted] that I thought the Society was in an untenable position to even consider such an approach in view of some of the current members the Society now has.

Former Special Agent Robert Milton Dore entered on duty in the capacity of a Special Agent on [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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VIA AIR MAIL

AIR TEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR MAIL

RE SECTION G OF SAC LETTER 53-22 ENTITLED, "SOCIETY OF  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF FBI." FORMER SA

MILWAUKEE,

WIS., ADVISED ME THE MILWAUKEE CHAPTER OF SOCIETY OF FORMER  
SAS IS HOLDING MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH FOUR NEXT,

AND THAT THEY HAVE INVITED ALL NA GRADUATES IN WIS. TO

ATTEND. SAID 27 NA GRADUATES AND CHIEFS OF VARIOUS  
PDS MILWAUKEE COUNTY HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL BE IN

ATTENDANCE. ADVISED HE IS SENDING FOUR TICKETS THIS OFFICE

AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME AND ANYONE I DESIGNATE TO ATTEND.

NO COMMITMENT MADE. HOWEVER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BUREAU

PERMIT ME AND ASAC WILLIAM K. BOCK AND TWO OTHER OLDER AGENTS

ATTEND IN VIEW OF LARGE GROUP OF NA MEN AND CHIEFS OF POLICE

MILWAUKEE COUNTY WHO WILL BE THERE. EXPEDITE REPLY.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Nichols

Mr. Harbo

cc: Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Harbo  
J. Edgar Hoover

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to March 1, 1954

*[Handwritten signature]*  
**URGENT**

*Society of Former F.B.I. Agents* SAC, MILWAUKEE

**INADVISABLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND MEETING OF MILWAUKEE CHAPTER  
OF SOCIETY OF FORMER SAS. DECLINE ON OTHER COMMITMENTS.**

**HOOVER**

cc: Mr. Harbo

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ~~SEATTLE~~ (62-643)

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI

DATE: 3-11-54

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SOCIETY FORMER FBI AGENTS

Re SAC Letter #54-13 of 3/9/54, Part (E), with instructions on declination or exchange of invitations. I assume the Bureau refers to any mass invitations either from or to such local chapter of the Society and does not refer to individual invitations. I personally have attended as the main speaker meetings of the Society . . . of course with adequate notice to the Bureau . . . and I have had the present President of the Society, W. J. PENNINGTON, attend several office functions with me. In addition, former SAC [redacted] b6 [redacted] has been a guest of the office at various of our functions and is of course a member of the Society.

I might call to the Bureau's attention the fact that we are on very close relations with the local chapter of the Society in this area, presently headed by PENNINGTON, who as the Bureau knows, is the Comptroller of the local afternoon newspaper here and who has been an avid and ardent supporter not only of the Director and the Bureau in general but also of this office in particular. Mr. PENNINGTON recently has made arrangements in connection with our current applicant drive to do the following:

- (1) Have an editorial comment concerning the need for applicants with description thereof in the monthly publication of the State Association of CPA's;
- (2) Has personally directed two of his friends to us as applicants;
- (3) Has gone to considerable trouble in contacting every single member of the State Society to explain the problem to them and to get them to recommend applicants.

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The above is just a sample of the type of interest that PENNINGTON and the whole group here have in the continued success of the Bureau. There are approximately fifty local Seattle headquarters city members of the Society, and en masse they have given cordial support to the Bureau's programs. In anything we wanted, the members of this group are becoming increasingly important in the affairs of the State, and we necessarily come in contact with them in many, many phases of the Bureau's work where they are of great assistance to the office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
RE: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL  
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SAC, SEATTLE  
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If my assumption that the declination instructions of  
refBulet that it merely refers to en masse invitations is not  
correct, I would appreciate being advised.



# FBI Agents Along To Exclusive Club

By JOHN ADAMS

The membership requirements

About five times a year a group of men meet at the Boston Yacht Club, and when it's said they are members of one of the "most exclusive clubs in the world," there's no disputing it. You can't buy your way into the club. Having "connections" won't do you any good. Even if your closest blood relative was a member of the organization he wouldn't be able to help you crack into its membership.

Why? Well, the name—Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc. should be enough to explain the exclusiveness.

1 Service "with due fidelity to your oath of office" as an FBI agent.

2 Service "with loyalty to the FBI and your fellow agents."

3 Service in these capacities "for at least one year."

Attending one of these meetings, if that were possible, you would take home with you enough fascinating and intriguing stories about how the "most carefully chosen group of men in the world" nabbed dope peddlers, murderers, bank robbers, spies and any number of other law breakers.

About 50 men are members of

the Boston chapter of the organization which all told has 32 chapters with a total membership of more than 2500.

Some of the former FBI men still work in varied fields of law enforcement. For example, Frank

Horbert heads up the protective program of a large downtown Boston department store. Another, Philip P. Perry of South Boston, formerly special agent in charge of the war-time Office of Price Administration office in Boston, now directs the operations of the New Haven railroad police.

Then there's Stuart Conner of Nashua, N. H., who is one of New Hampshire Attorney General Louis C. Wyman's special field men helping in the legislative investigation of subversive activity in that State.

Jim Mahan of Cambridge helped the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, known as the FBI of racing, clean up the sport of bookies and "fixers." Mahan now is an Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts.

If Mahan were attending one of these Boston chapter meetings he might recall the story behind his aiding in the capture of the notorious "Toothbrush Bandits" in 1945. The duo, Edgar W. Cook and George W. Stubblefield, once termed Public Enemies No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, earned their nicknames when they broke out of the Council Bluffs, Iowa, jail by using a whittled-down toothbrush to unlock the jail doors.

Following their break they began a nation-wide crime wave, including a postoffice robbery in Stoughton, before being arrested at Concord, N. H.

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#### In Alger Hiss Case

Another member of the organization here is Attorney Brenton S. Gordon of Natick, who as an FBI agent specialized in intelligence work. He took an active part in the investigation of the Alger Hiss case, as well as those involving the theft of atomic secrets by Klaus Fuchs, Harry Gold and the executed Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. He was in on breaking "The Crime of the Century," as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover called it.

Still another New Hampshire former FBI man is former Attorney General William L. Phinney Manchester, who was the prosecutor in the Dr. Herman N. Sander case. He now is practicing law.

Continuing work he was taught in the FBI is Thomas E. Gaquin of West Roxbury, an executive in the bureau of investigation of the John Hancock Life Insurance Co.

Other members of the Hub chapter include Arthur E. Haley of Winthrop, now a vice president of a Boston radio station. John V. Moran is purchasing agent for the city of Boston. He was instrumental in apprehension of a number of Axis officials including Japanese special Ambassador Saburu Kurusu and Admiral Nomura.

Howard W. Hodgdon, the chairman of the Boston chapter, is a standards engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Attorney Frederick Ayer, Jr., has left his Boston law practice to serve as special assistant to the Secretary of Air.

Vice chairman of the Boston group is Maurice L. Carroll, Jr., of Dorchester, business specialist of the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Moran is secretary treasurer of the organization.



**EX-FBI MEN MEET**—This is a glimpse of an informal meeting of the Boston chapter's Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc. Howard W. Hodgdon of West Acton, chairman of the local group, is the speaker at a regular meeting of this exclusive club.

SAC, SEATTLE (62-643)

MARCH 23, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL  
AGENTS OF THE FBI

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*SOCIETY FORMER FBI AGENTS*

Reference is made to SAC Letter 54-13, Part (E), dated March 9, 1954, which contained instructions that Special Agents in Charge should decline invitations from the above-captioned organization. In your letter of March 11, 1954, you stated you assumed the Bureau referred to mass invitations either to or from local chapters of the Society and that this restriction did not refer to individual invitations.

The Bureau's instructions referred to invitations received from the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI to attend and participate in any functions of that organization whether the invitation was from the organization itself or from one of the individual members. The restriction, of course, was not intended to include social invitations from individual members of the organization for other than Society functions.

With respect to office functions, the Society itself should not be invited to participate. On the other hand, individual members of the Society who are good office contacts may be invited to office affairs as individuals and not as Society representatives.

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SAC Auerbach pointed out in his letter that two former Agents who are members of the Society and whom he invited to office functions were former SA E. J. Pennington [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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March 26, 1954

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Glavin	✓
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You apparently read the article "How Good Is An F.B.I. Report?"  
by Alan Barth which appeared in the 1954 issue of Harper Magazine.

Enclosed you will find two copies of a letter which we submitted  
to Mr. John Fischer, Editor in Chief, Harper Magazine.

Cordially,

*Robert M. Dore*  
Robert M. Dore  
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Mr. Robert M. Dore  
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Dear Mr. Dore:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of March 26, 1954, transmitting copies of your letter to Mr. John Fischer, Editor in Chief of Harper's Magazine, with reference to the Barth article in the March issue of Harper's.

I read your letter with considerable interest and it certainly reflects very careful research on the part of your associates and you. It certainly puts the Barth article in its proper perspective, and I did appreciate your thoughtfulness in setting the record straight and making a copy of the letter available to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 24, 1934

Mr. John Fischer  
Editor in Chief  
Harper's Magazine  
49 East 12nd Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Fischer:

The Article "How Good Is an FBI Report?" by Alan Barth, appearing in the March, 1934, issue of Harper's Magazine, has come to the attention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., Inc. Our organization is not connected with the F.B.I. in any way except that the members have served as Special Agents. However, we feel compelled to express our views and to set the record straight. We challenge Barth's accuracy and competency and ask in turn "How Good Is Barth's Article?"

Several things stand out that invite comment by the Society of Former Special Agents, a group composed of 2425 men who wrote and reviewed thousands of F.B.I. reports during their tenure in the F.B.I. First is the question of the accuracy of Barth's article, and next is the question of his qualifications to speak with authority. Since Barth challenges the value of F.B.I. reports, we feel that we are at least as well qualified and undoubtedly better qualified to discuss the content and relative value of the reports.

Barth evidently bases his views on four or five examples of which he is critical but conveniently overlooks the fact that thousands of reports are submitted daily and hundreds of thousands of interviews conducted weekly. That the reports are not found wanting nor treated lightly, but on the contrary receive great respect, is found in the fact that in the past year 96.9% of the persons brought to trial following F.B.I. investigations and reports were found guilty. 91.7% of the persons charged following F.B.I. investigations did not even bother to stand trial but plead guilty. In view of the fact that these included criminals and subversives alike, it would seem that the underworld and enemies of the country share a profound respect for the competency of the F.B.I.'s investigative process and veridical accuracy.

Very truly,  
Sincerely,

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Congress, too, is not lacking in confidence in the F.B.I.'s reports, as demonstrated by the not infrequent requests for reports on prospective Presidential appointees to important government posts. In these times, it would be difficult to find more zealous and outspoken critics of our executive agencies than the members of the legislative branch, and yet Congress has not joined with Barth's mockery but has frequently manifested faith in the F.B.I. by increasing the appropriation and utilizing the investigative services.

A few civil servants and applicants also expressed respect for F.B.I. reports when it is realized that during the Civil Service Loyalty program no less than 6828 persons resigned or withdrew their applications for employment, and 160 persons were removed or denied Federal employment on grounds relating to loyalty.

As to the accuracy of Mr. Barth's facts cited in support of his contentions and conclusions, it would seem that if Mr. Barth's conclusions are as erroneous as some of his facts they are worthless. For instance, he states at the outset of his article: "At least one of the employees of the Office of Strategic Services accused of espionage, Hsuan Lee, retained the full confidence of Major General William Donovan, despite the F.B.I. reports." Our research discloses that General Donovan left the Office of Strategic Services on October 1, 1945, more than a month before the F.B.I.'s first report of Hsuan Lee's questionable activities. J. Edgar Hoover's letter of November 8, 1945, to Major General Harry Harkins Vaughan furnished the information received for the first time the day before. This was plainly brought out in the recent hearings of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the U. S. Senate in connection with the Harry Dexter White matter. It is just as plain that it would have been impossible for General Donovan to have taken action before his departure from O.S.S. in October, 1945, on a report which wasn't written until November, 1945.

Barth's opening fusillade imputes incompetency of F.B.I. reports and claims that they "were widely discounted, if not disregarded, by responsible officials of the executive branch of the government." The failure of President Truman and three Secretaries of the Treasury - Henry Morgenthau, Jr., the late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, and John Snyder, to act in the Harry Dexter White case is cited as proof that these officials had no respect for F.B.I. reports about White and made no move to separate him from the Government. What about former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes? Did Barth fail to note what position Byrnes took?

Governor James F. Byrnes of South Carolina issued a statement on November 9, 1953, in the Harry Dexter White case as follows:

"I do not recall the date, but on the afternoon of the day preceding the confirmation by the United States Senate of the nomination of Harry Dexter White as Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, a representative of Mr. Edgar Hoover delivered to my secretary a copy of a report about Mr. White and his affiliation with Communists, which report I was advised had been sent to the White House. This was the only report about White that was called to my attention. I was out of the country the greater part of December, 1948.

The following day, after I had read the report, I requested an engagement with the President. That afternoon I was invited to come to the White House.

I told President Truman I had received a copy of the report sent to him by Mr. Hoover, that I was shocked by its contents, and I asked what he intended to do about it. The President stated he had read the report and that he also was surprised.

When I asked the status of the nomination of Mr. White, he said it was still pending in the Senate. I told him, in view of the charges contained in Hoover's report, I thought he should immediately ask the Senate to withhold action and then withdraw the nomination."

Does this sound as if the Secretary of State "discounted" and "disregarded" the F.B.I. report?

In a further effort to show "discounting" by a government official of F.B.I. reports, Barth cites: "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, named by the F.B.I. as a central figure in a spy ring, had been the subject of previous warnings by Military Intelligence and the Civil Service Commission as well as the F.B.I.; yet no less sternly upright a man than the late Judge Robert F. Patterson, the Under Secretary of War (and, like Bonaven, a life-long Republican), reviewed Silvermaster's record and declares: 'I have personally made an examination of the case and have discussed it with Major General G. V. Strong, G-2. I am fully satisfied that the facts do not show anything derogatory to Mr. Silvermaster's character or loyalty to the United States....'"

Judge Patterson may not be around to answer this Barth misrepresentation, but the facts do not change and here they are:

Judge Patterson was not addressing his remarks to the Silvermaster case on the basis of F.B.I. reports to him, but was talking of an Army report. In the third volume of the Senate Internal Security Committee's report of April 16, 1953, on Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments, at page 122 there is set forth a memorandum prepared by Silvermaster attempting to answer allegations against him. It is clear that he is



addressing his defense to the report of Colonel J. T. Miesel, Chief, Counter-Intelligence Group. Obviously Judge Patterson was discussing the same report, as distinguished from F.B.I. reports. As all of this is a matter of public record and available to Barth, we can only conclude that he is guilty of gross misrepresentation.

In what Barth presents as a "characterization" of F.B.I. reports from authoritative sources, he cites an excerpt from a statement of the then Attorney General, Robert H. Jackson, in 1941 that "Investigative reports include leads and suspicions, and sometimes even the statements of malicious or misinformed people." In checking this, we find that Barth extracted some dictum from an opinion rendered by the Attorney General, which is set forth in full in Opinions of the Attorney General of the United States, No. 8, Volume 40, of April 30, 1941, when the Attorney General was arguing against the surrender of F.B.I. reports to a congressional committee on security grounds and not addressing himself to the accuracy or competency of F.B.I. reports.

In the complete paragraph from the opinion, the Attorney General was pointing out the injustice in using selected statements, the very thing Barth does. Attorney General Jackson actually said:

"Disclosure of information contained in the reports might also be the gravest kind of injustice to innocent individuals. Investigative reports include leads and suspicions, and sometimes even the statements of malicious and misinformed people. Even though later and more complete reports exonerate the individuals, the use of particular or selected reports might constitute the gravest injustice, and we all know that a correction never catches up with an accusation."

We sincerely hope that this correction catches up with Barth.

Barth attempts to make much of an argument that F.B.I. reports include "a good deal of material the point and pertinence of which are somewhat obscure." He goes on to cite as his leading example of "questionable material" a case where a Federal Loyalty Review Board official inquired if an employee favored or opposed the segregation of blood in a Red Cross blood bank. "The question arose, he said, out of information given to the board that she had written a letter to the Red Cross about such segregation." The reader is left no alternative but to believe that Barth meant that this information was included in an F.B.I. report upon which the board member based his question. We wish to point out that Harry W. Blair, a member of the Civil Service Loyalty Review Board wrote to the Washington Post in connection with this question.

Blair's letter was printed in the Washington Post of May 2, 1951. In it he revealed that the question about the segregation of blood was predicated upon information appearing in a police department report and not an F.B.I. report.

Barth is an editorial writer on the Washington Post and was then, but even if this escaped his attention, and we think it highly unlikely, by his own writings he proves irrefutably that he was attempting to pervert a friend on the readers of Harper's.

In Barth's paper pulp book, "Loyalty of Free Men," published by Pocket Books, Inc., at page 116 he discusses a hearing of Dorothy Bailey, a government employee, who was questioned about organizations "not referred to in the interrogative." (underlining supplied) Then: "She was even asked by one of the board members: 'Did you ever write a letter to the Red Cross about segregation of blood?'" The underlined portion above "not referred to in the interrogative," coupled with Barth's writings in Harper's that the questioning or interrogatives of employees under the federal loyalty program "was based on information conveyed in F.B.I. confidential reports" leaves the inescapable conclusion that Barth well knew that the segregation of blood question stemmed from a source other than an F.B.I. report. That, then, are Barth's motives in attempting to impute responsibility for this to the F.B.I. and to discredit the F.B.I.?

A further feeble attempt to criticize the inclusion in F.B.I. reports of questionable material was made by author Barth in connection with the statement of Senator Guy M. Gillette in discussing the reports affecting the confirmation of Charles E. Bohlen to be Ambassador to Russia. Senator Gillette pointed out that one of the derogatory reports

"concerned a person who said he possessed a sixth sense in addition to the five senses all of us possess. He said that due to his possessing this sixth sense he could look at a man and determine whether or not there was something immoral about him, or something pertaining to moral turpitude in the man's make-up, or some tendency on his part to take action that would not be accepted in good society as moral action. This man said that he looked at Mr. Bohlen and, with this sixth sense of his, he determined that Mr. Bohlen was a man who did have in the back of his mind such a tendency toward immorality as to make him unfit."

We think Barth here picked an example of F.B.I. reporting that should be lauded rather than impugned for its objectivity. Obviously the interview was not in an institution and yet was making derogatory remarks about Bohlen. Without the amplification which showed the character of the witness, permitted a more honest appraisal of the information, and

made it obvious that the derogatory statements were not well founded, would not the F.B.I. have been guilty of what seems to be Barth's own forte - the practice of telling half-truths?

Another charge is made that the use of "cabalistic symbols such as A-1 or V-4" to identify informants contributes to difficulty in evaluating the reports and Barth scoffs at "delectable tidbits of information" revealed with the "publication of the files which Miss Goplen had with her...." Reference is made here to the trial of Judith Goplen charged with removing papers from the Department of Justice and passing them to a Russian agent, Valentine Gubichev.

Here again Barth twists the truth. Testimony in the case of U. S. vs Judith Goplen in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia #381-49 clearly shows that Goplen did not have with her any F.B.I. files as stated by Barth, but had 34 "data slips" of material she evidently deemed important. At the trial the defense demanded and were supplied with the basic reports from which these "data slips" were prepared.

The first "delectable tidbit" gleaned from these reports by Barth is "the statement of an unidentified informant that she (underlining supplied) had observed her neighbors 'moving around the house in a nude state' and that her eleven-year-old boy said he saw one of these neighbors go out on the porch, undressed, to get the morning paper."

For Mr. Barth's information, this incident is covered in the Goplen case in the report regarding Brian Alexander, dated April 1, 1948, at Washington, D. C., Defendant's exhibit #1134-4, page 1; pages 6054-6057, in the transcript for June 10, 1949. The report plainly identifies the "unidentified informant" as Mr. Elvin Sill, a "he", not a "she", and reads:

"The files of this office reflect that on June 8, 1945, Mr. Elvin Sill, 3005 17th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, contacted this office. He advised that Henry Dunham resided next door to him at 3001 17th Street, North, Arlington, since about July 31, 1944.

Shortly after Dunham moved in, Sill observed that Army and Navy officers made frequent visits to the Dunham home under what Sill termed suspicious circumstances. He noted that the officers ranged in rank from Lieutenants to Colonels and at times as many as six or seven would appear at the house, all carrying brief cases. They engaged in parties which lasted throughout the night and sometimes into the following morning.

Sill stated that Dunham's wife is supposed to be of Russian descent.

He stated that approximately once a month, an unknown individual in civilian clothes, appearing to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the Dunham residence. Sill stated that when this individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained at the house and all curtains were drawn. Such precautions were not taken at other gatherings. Sill believed that the meetings were being held for the purpose of securing or furnishing information which is obtained from members of the armed forces and stated that in his opinion, the purpose of the meetings was not purely social.

Sill said that on different occasions, Dunham and his wife were observed moving around the house in a nude state and that Sill's son, age 11, saw Dunham on one occasion go out on the porch in the nude to pick up his newspaper....."

Manifestly, therefore, the contrast in deportment of the occupants of the Dunham residence when the suspected individual appeared with the conduct on other occasions when secrecy was not required was a factor to be taken into consideration and reported upon. Obviously, the information standing alone would have been inconclusive, but taken into account with other material might well have forged a link in a chain of circumstances to make up the completed picture of the subject under investigation.

The next "tidbit" from the Goplen case was "information that one of the assistants to the President of the United States had given some help in obtaining a passport for a trip to Mexico to a friend with whose wife, according to an informant, the Presidential aide had once been in love." Here again the F.B.I. might better be commended than criticized for having objectively pursued the investigation and virtually absolved and exonerated the Presidential aide in the incident rather than permitted him to remain under suspicion of having aided and abetted subversives.

The facts are found in the report regarding Phillip Levy, dated November 21, 1948, at Newark, New Jersey, Defendant's exhibit #119; pages 1934 -, transcript for June 10, 1949. The investigative report reflects that a question had been raised about Presidential aide David K. Niles because he had interceded with the State Department in connection with obtaining a passport for Phillip Levy. Levy had been associated with several Communists. The purpose of the investigation then was to establish the reason for Niles' interest. The "tidbit" helps to negate Niles' interest as being subversive. The interviewee is identified in the report as being George M. Coleman of 90 Fenway, Boston. Coleman said that Niles met Louis P. Smith in June of 1945 through the Ford Hall Forum in Boston. Niles then met Mrs. Phillip Levy, Smith's sister, and "soon fell in love with her". Taking this into consideration, a fair appraisal of Niles' interest was possible. Without it, irreparable harm might have been done.

We are wondering whether or not Barth and Harper's, which gave him space and editorial blessing, had as much concern for justice, fair play, and adherence to the truth as did the F.B.I.

We are, likewise, wondering whether this was a calculated attempt to do harm to one of the world's finest organizations, the F.B.I. and to undermine confidence in law enforcement generally.

Other innuendoes have been noted, but the above examples suffice for the moment to permit certain unmistakable conclusions. That the article does disservice to the F.B.I. and to those who once served that organization, there is no doubt.

unquestionably, Harper's will want to do everything possible to promptly correct the record and make amends for this ill advised and possibly libelous Barth diatribe including the printing of this letter in its entirety. We trust that you concur in our belief that sometimes a little knowledge can be dangerous.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Dora  
President  
Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.

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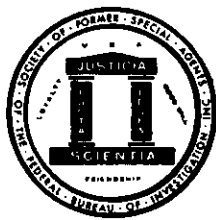
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- Former G-Man Robert E. Lee was recently appointed a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. He is an active member of the Society's Washington Chapter.





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## This Month's Cover

On January 26, 1954, additional honors came to Society member Robert E. Lee whose appointment as a Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission by President Eisenhower was confirmed by the United States Senate.

The former Chief Clerk of the FBI has had a distinguished career since his graduation from DePaul University at Chicago in the early thirties where he specialized in commerce and law. After working his way through college as a drug clerk, he became a night auditor at Chicago's Congress Hotel and later the hotel's food and liquor controller. Bob continued in the hotel business as an auditor at the Great Northern Hotel in the Windy City and Roosevelt Hotel, St. Louis.

## Hoover's Assistant

Commissioner Lee was appointed a Special Agent of the FBI on January 10, 1938 and performed investigative work in Washington, Richmond, Newark, New York and Chicago. During this time, Bob made over 200 public speeches on the work of the Bureau before various civic groups, and in 1941, he was made an administrative assistant to Director J. Edgar Hoover. His work on the FBI recruiting program for employees during the war resulted in his selection as the Bureau's chief clerk in charge of all fiscal matters.

Loaned to the House Committee on Appropriations, he headed a staff of investigators to advise Congressmen on the efficiency of governmental functions. His work was so outstanding that this committee appointed him as the Director of Surveys and Investigation in which post he assisted members in pointing ways to save taxpayers' money. "FLAIR" magazine selected him as one of the 10 wise young men in Washington in December 1950.

## Society Congratulates Him

The Society of Former FBI Agents salutes our fellow associate, Robert E. Lee, and wish him continued success in his new appointment. The Society's membership is confident he will discharge his duties in the best FBI tradition.

# Society's Meetings Off to Great Start

The quarterly meetings for the new year of the Society of Former FBI Agents got off to a great start Tuesday night, February 9, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, when more than 200 members assembled for the mid-Winter session.

It was the largest attendance at any February meeting in recent years, according to President Robert Dore, and brought representatives from chapters as far away as Atlanta and Chicago. The largest of the visiting delegations were those from Washington and Boston. New Jersey and New York City, of course, topped the attendance list since they were in their home territory.

Special guests of honor at the meeting were New Jersey's new Attorney

General, Grover C. Richman Jr., and New Jersey State Treasurer, Archibald O. Alexander, who served with distinction up to a year and a half ago as Undersecretary of the Army in the Department of Defense. Both Mr. Richman and Mr. Alexander are members of the cabinet of New Jersey governor Robert B. Meyner and extended greetings from the Garden State's chief executive.

Speaking for Mayor Robert Wagner of New York City was John V. Connerton, deputy city administrator.

Harold M. Perry of Summit, N. J., chairman of the Society's Placement Committee, was program chairman for the meeting and introduced a third dignitary from New Jersey,

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Seated, left to right; Attorney General Grover C. Richman Jr. of New Jersey, Robert Dore, president of the Society of Former FBI Agents; N. J. State Treasurer Archibald O. Alexander. Standing, Herman Ringle, chief counsel of the Division of Employment Security, New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry; John V. Connerton, deputy city administrator of the City of New York; Judge Gordon A. Philips of Trenton, N. J., editor of *The Grapevine*; Harold M. Perry of Summit, N. J., program chairman for meeting, and personnel director of Commercial Investment Trust; Edwin J. Foltz, assistant director of personnel administration of the Campbell Soup Company.

# Metcalfe's Verse Is Enjoyed by Millions

## His Daily Poem Appears in 150 Newspapers Coast to Coast

He writes but 20 lines of verse a day yet those 20 lines are probably read by more people than the words of any other writer today.

He's James J. Metcalfe, former Special Agent and poet extraordinary, and the words he writes cheer the hearts of millions daily. Some 150 newspapers throughout the United States carry those words of Jim's written under the heading, "Portraits," and in every city where they appear his readers regard him as an old and understanding friend even though they've never seen him.

Quite an achievement for a guy who 20 years ago was shooting it out with the most notorious gangsters in the country. And it all came about through the wonderful human qualities with which Jim is endowed and his discovery that it is the simple, homely things of life that people like most to read about and which touches their hearts. A resident of Dallas, Texas, Jim likes it so much that you could hardly blast him loose from the town. But the words he writes there at midnight or in the early morning hours, go out each day to his millions of readers in cities from coast to coast. Many newspaper readers turn to Jim Metcalfe's "Portraits" even before they look at the Page 1 headlines.

It is only since 1947, however, that Jim has been one of the topflight syndicated writers in the U. S. Before that he had plenty of dark moments of uncertainty when he needed the faith expressed in his own poems to carry him through. Once, when he was writing only for a Chicago newspaper, his editors thought so little of his "Portraits" that they dropped it entirely from the paper. But so vociferous were his readers in their complaints to the editors that "Portraits" was soon restored.



Although he has been writing poetry and verse since he was 14 years old, Jim never had any idea of making this type of writing a lifetime career. Indeed, it was only eight years ago that he gave up a government job in order to devote his full time to writing. Jim was born in Berlin, Germany in 1906. His father came from Vienna, Austria, where he'd been a journalist, and his mother came from Natchez, Mississippi. They met in Germany where Jim's mother was embarking on a career as a concert

pianist. In 1914, when war in Europe broke out, Jim came to America with his mother and lived on his grandfather's farm in Texas.

### Had To Quit School

A year later Jim was enrolled at the elementary school at Notre Dame in Indiana where he remained seven years. He was nearly finished with high school when family financial reverses forced him to quit classes and seek a job. Going to Chicago, Jim



A 'PORTRAIT' of Poet James J. Metcalfe and family in their Dallas home, left to right, Jimmie, now in U. S. Navy, Donnie, Jim, Chicago Sun-Times versifier, Mrs. Metcalfe and Kristina.

worked at various daytime jobs and continued his studies at Englewood Evening High School. Here he distinguished himself by winning several prizes for oratory.

With his high school career finished, Jim went out to night classes at Loyola University pre-law school. Then, in 1929, Loyola awarded him his law degree. Throughout this period of schooling, there were few jobs that Jim Metcalfe hadn't tried. Soda jerker, movie usher, office boy, clerk—Jim was familiar with them all. He was a typist, too, worked for various railroads, sold real estate and insurance and also tried his hand at selling automobiles. He also found a girl—he'd met her at a high school dance—who possessed as much spunk as he had and they were married even before he finished law school.

Jim was admitted to the Illinois bar but decided that there was more security in government service for the family he was just establishing. He applied for admission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and on November 16, 1931 he was sworn in as a Special Agent. It was the beginning of that period when gunmen were openly defying law and order and Metcalfe and his fellow G-men set out to meet the challenge. Within a few years the FBI brought to bay such hoodlums as John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and the Karpis-Barker mob. Metcalfe was in on all these jobs and he was there, gun in hand, when Dillinger was killed near

the Biograph Theater in Chicago on Sunday night, July 22, 1934. At various times Jim served in the FBI offices at Washington, St. Paul, Charlotte, New York City and Chicago. At Washington he was assistant chief of the fingerprint division. While in Charlotte, Jim had a hand in breaking Gaston B. Means' awful hoax in connection with the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby. Jim also was regarded as an expert in criminal investigations of bankruptcy and anti-trust law violations.

#### Got Newspaper Job

Following four years of FBI service, Jim resigned and took an assignment with the Department of Agriculture as assistant chief investigator of the Resettlement Administration, later the Farm Security Administration. After two years, he joined the staff of the Chicago Times where he was assigned to do an undercover investigation of the German-American Bunds in the Midwest. Metcalfe, making good use of his FBI training, found the best way to investigate the Bund was to join it. Within two weeks he was wearing a Bund uniform and was soon a confidant of all the Bund leaders. He was able to learn so much of their operation that in September, 1937 he wrote an expose of the Bund that made journalistic history and won for Jim Metcalfe the National Headliners Club silver plaque for distinguished journalism.

Next came jobs on the rewrite desk,  
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## **H. Allen Smith Serving Third Term In California Legislature**

H. Allen Smith is one of those former Special Agents who, having been assigned by the Bureau to the West Coast, liked the climate so much that he decided to make California his permanent home.

Not only that, but he has been doing quite well there in many ways. For example, these attainments might be listed as follows: 1. He's happily married. 2. He has two fine boys, 15 and 17 years of age. 3. He's a successful attorney at law. 4. He is now serving his third two-year term as an Assemblyman in the California State Legislature. 5. As a resident of Glendale, he's enjoying life amid California's world-renowned climate.

X-Agent Smith served in the Bureau from 1935 to 1942. His first assignment was at Nashville, Tenn., where he served for a year, followed by another year at San Francisco. Then for the next five years he was the No. 1 man of the Bureau office at Los Angeles.

### **Joined Lockheed Aircraft**

When he resigned from the Bureau in 1942, he became manager of plant protection at the huge Lockheed Aircraft Corporation properties under John Hanson. He held this post until the end of 1944 when he withdrew to resume his practice of law which had been interrupted when he joined the Bureau.

In 1948, X-Agent Smith was appointed by the Congressional Un-American Activities Committee to handle the investigation of Communist influences in Hollywood. This inquiry later resulted in the conviction of the "Hollywood Ten" on charges of contempt of Congress.

Elected by the 43d District to the California State Legislature for the first time in 1948, Smith was re-elected by sizable margins in 1950 and 1952. He is chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities and Corporation and also a member of the committees on Finance and Insurance, Judiciary, Legislature Representation and Public Health.

## **Bill Gadol, 35, Dies In Washington, D. C.**

Dr. William Norman Gadol, 35, a Bethesda physician since 1950, died January 17th at his home, 8404 Bradmoor drive, Bethesda, of a heart attack.

Dr. Gadol was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. and was graduated from Brooklyn College. He went to Georgetown Law School for a year and afterward was a special agent for the FBI for five years in Springfield, Ill., Covington, Ky., Brooklyn and Syracuse. In 1948 he got his medical degree from the University of Syracuse and interned a year at George Washington University Hospital here. He was assistant surgeon at the Marine Public Health Hospital in Baltimore before he came to Bethesda.

Dr. Gadol was associated with Dr. Leo Donovan with office at 8016 Georgetown road, Bethesda.

Survivors are his widow, Martha; a son, William Jr., 11; a daughter, Barbara Eleanor, 5; his father, Pierre Leon Gadol, all of the home address, and a brother, Pierre Andre Gadol, Greenbelt, Md.

President Robert Dore and the membership of the Society extend deep sympathy to the family of our associate and beloved member.

### **Clegg Quits FBI**

#### **For College Post**

Hugh H. Clegg, 55, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, retired January 31 to join the University of Mississippi as director of university development.

Clegg, with the FBI for 27 years, has been assistant director in charge of the FBI Academy. Prior to joining the FBI, Clegg was a professor in science and history at Wood Junior College in Mathiston, Miss.

# Houts Is Doing Great Job With 'Court Of Last Resort'

## Helping to Get Justice For Innocent Serving Time in Prisons

If you're a regular reader of Argosy Magazine you probably know all about the Court of Last Resort. If you're not a reader of the book, the chances are you've heard about the "Court" at various times and know something of the tremendous job it is doing in obtaining justice for men serving time for crimes they didn't commit.

For former Special Agent of the FBI, the Court of Last Resort holds particular interest since X-Agent Marshall W. Houts, Tulsa, Okla. lawyer, is now full-time counsel for this Argosy enterprise. Not only that, but a special Committee of Counsel, composed of 10 X-Agents in various parts of the country, has been set up to assist the "Court." The Committee of Counsel offers its services on a voluntary basis in order to right any miscarriage of justice which is revealed by its investigations.

Organized about six years ago by Erle Stanley Gardner, widely known author and former prosecuting attorney, and Harry Steeger, publisher of Popular Publications which issues Argosy, the Court of Last Resort so far has been responsible for liberating 12 persons who were serving life sentences for murders they didn't commit.

### 10 to 15 Appeals Daily

Not a day goes by but that Argosy doesn't receive from 10 to 15 appeals for help from men and women serving time in prison. Many of these, Houts reports, can be written off as "bum beefs," but a surprisingly large number "present facts which merit further investigation." While the magazine's headquarters are in New York City, Houts carries on his work from his office at 475 South 90th East Avenue at Tulsa.

Son of a Methodist circuit rider, Houts was born in Tennessee 35 years ago. He is married and has four daughters. He first began working for the "Court" on a spare-time basis

after he was contacted because of his FBI experience. His work was so highly regarded by Argosy that he was requested to join the "Court" as a full-time counsel. Houts accepted and gave up his private law practice for the new assignment.

When Gardner and Steeger first organized the "Court," they set up a board of investigative experts to look into cases where help was sought. These experts included Raymond Schindler, internationally-known private detective; Dr. Lemoyne Snyder, lawyer and authority in legal medicine, and Alex Gregory, noted polygraph operator.

The first case investigated was that of Clarence Boggie, a northwestern lumberjack who had served 16 years for a murder it was proved he did not commit. The board won him his freedom.

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## Radio Free Europe Has Tom Brady As Director

Munich, Germany — Thomas A. Brady, former FBI special agent in 1942-47, and secretary of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI in 1951-52, has been named personnel director of Radio Free Europe, the American-sponsored station broadcasting to Soviet satellites in Eastern and Central Europe.

Summarizing his reasons for working with RFE, Brady says: "to join with a fine group of people, who have virtually changed their way of living and that of their families, in order to aid in freeing those millions enslaved by Communism."

Radio Free Europe, the multi-million dollar broadcasting operation supported by public contribution to the Crusade for Freedom, beams more than 2,500 hours of honest news, music and entertainment each week to the captive peoples of Central and Eastern Europe.

# The Secretary's Page

By

## Fran Keogh

President Bob Dore has made arrangements with the Hotel Roosevelt to hold a luncheon table for all former agents in the Colonial Room until 12:15 each day. If you are in the vicinity, why not stop by and see if you can meet some of your old friends or meet some new ones. It's a good idea to get into the habit of lunch at the Roosevelt. The plan starts February 16th.

Since the last issue, Tom McArdle of Boston called to arrange a meeting with Downey Rice . . . Cy Kelleher advises he has returned from Europe . . . John Hart is working for the Waterfront Commission with Tom Jones, Gerry Sullivan and George Merrill at 15 Park Row, N. Y. C. . . Clayton Braathen was in the headquarters city from Detroit . . . Charlie Barry of Washington has been married, says Bob Weisselberg . . . Telephone calls received from Ay Spencer, Tuckahoe, N. Y., Chief of Police, and Bill Robinson, White Plains, N. Y., seeking addresses . . . Bill Losty, New York, advised his mother passed away during December and sincere sympathy was expressed by the Secretary on behalf of the membership . . .

### News of the Boys

Art Sabo is now living at 17 Pepperday Avenue in Port Washington, N. Y. . . . Joe Dooley at Republic Aviation says he has a prospect for new membership and was sent a blank . . . John (Long Distance) Mulhern telephoned from California to secure a room at the Roosevelt . . . Bill Widener's secretary got married and he wants another good one . . . Jack Daley, Jersey City, N. J., looked for a room for Grant Stetter of Washington, D. C. . . .

From Connecticut, Bill Banks, Dick Simons, Hugo Blandori . . . From New Jersey, Roy Beck, formerly of Washington, D. C. . . . From Pikeville, Kentucky, Bill Baird, Ed Hays . . . Out of Detroit came James R. O'Reil-

ly . . . Pensacola, Florida, sent Walter W. Hanes . . . From Oklahoma, Burton Wiand . . . Buffalo, N. Y., Art Rutzen . . . Columbus, Ohio, Ed Hughes and Donald D. Cook . . . Clarence F. Purdy arrived from Bucyrus, Ohio, and Tom Gaquin and George Callahan in from Boston . . . Tom hopes 16 members of the Boston Chapter will attend the next National meeting . . . He suggests SIS group attend and renew old acquaintances . . . Farley Warner, Dan O'Connor and Art Crowl arrived from the Nation's Capitol . . . Warren Dean of London, England, said he is leaving for Washington . . . Harold Swenson, Chicago, Y. D. Lott, Mobile, Ala., and Jerry Kavanagh, Wilmington, Del., visited us . . . Big Springs, Texas, Ray Tollett and Abe Karcher in full cowboy suits . . . Arthur W. Meyer, Norfolk, Va., was in New York . . . His father died suddenly, and we were sorry to learn of his sadness . . .

James L. Byrd, Hot Springs, Ark., writes he was married to Hattie Anne Feild last November . . . says she is a swell girl and wants his friends to come down his way for some hunting . . . John W. Wolf, Saginaw, Michigan, says he and Howard S. Otto have been made Special Assistants to the Attorney General of U. S. to act as hearing officers for selective service cases in Michigan . . . States John J. O'Brien is running the biggest furniture store in town with a motto no one can beat . . . John stands behind ever mattress he sells . . . Harvey Walker, reports the Wolf, is supposed to be a lawyer but is very busy as Chairman of the County Republican Committee and is doing a bang up job . . . Our correspondent and his wife will leave Saginaw for Florida and vacation . . . He hopes to see Ernie Cassill and others there . . .

That's all for now . . . always glad to hear from you in the field . . . More next month . . . Fran . . .

# Brumm Saved \$2,600,000

**And X-Agent Did It in Just Three Months For Benefit of U. S. Treasury—Lauded for New Purchase Program for Air Force Unit**

Anyone know how to save \$2,600,000 in just three months?

Difficult as it may seem, a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation actually did it.

He's our own Oliver C. Brumm, now with the Airlines Section of the Procurement Division of the Air Materiel Command headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, O.

Brumm, of course, accomplished these stupendous savings for the benefit of the U. S. Government.

Through new purchase procedures which Brumm developed for the Air Materiel Command in contracting for commercial transportation services, Brumm was able to save the U. S. Treasury the \$2,600,000 in just three months. Similar savings will be effected as time goes on in future Air Materiel Command dealings.

Because of Brumm's outstanding work, he was awarded the "Buy of the Month" award at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base by Major General David H. Baker, director of procurement and production.

In a letter to X-Agent Brumm, General Baker stated:

"It is a pleasure to congratulate you for being the recipient of the 'Buy of the Month' Award . . . This award is based on the following:

"You introduced into the field of commercial transportation services a new buying concept which was developed and put into effect with a minimum delay of time. By introducing this new buying procedure, you were able to save the Government an estimated \$2,600,000 in a three-month period. You maintained close coordination with the offices of the Assistant Secretary and DCS/Materiel Headquarters, U. S. Air Force. The final presentation of the bid evaluation was approved by the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. The new contractual procedures which you so successfully developed were received by industry with numerous expressions of re-

spect and appreciation. The Directorate of Procurement and Production is justly proud to have personnel of your ability, initiative, and thorough knowledge of the complicated procurement procedures.

"This exceptional procurement is a credit to you and the Directorate. Your exemplary workmanship will serve as an incentive for other procurement officials to do a better job for a strong Air Force. A copy of this letter will be made a matter of record in your 201 file."

What the plan developed by Brumm does is to require bidders on contracts for airlifting Air Force materials to stipulate that the aircraft involved would be held to minimum weight and then to submit bids based on a rate per ton mile. AMC officials said the plan made available new lift capacity in the aircraft.

This isn't the first time that X-Agent Brumm has been signally honored. Previously Lieutenant General Edward W. Rawlings, AMC commander, and Major General William H. Turner, former AMC vice commander and now commander in chief of the U. S. Air Force in Europe, had awarded him a citation for his outstanding procurement work.

X-Agent Brumm makes his home at 1658 North Limestone Street at Springfield, Ohio.

## FBI Ass't Director

Leland V. Boardman, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent for 20 years and head of the New York office since 1952, has been appointed an assistant to FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, the agency announced.

He will succeed D. Milton Ladd who retires at the end of next month after 26 years service. Mr. Boardman will be one of two assistants to the director, the other being Louis B. Nichols.



# Cook Is Applauded For Columbus Job

## Is Termed Best Safety Director That City Ever Had

"The finest director of public safety Columbus, Ohio ever had," was what they said about former Special FBI Agent Donald D. Cook a couple months ago when he resigned after three and a half years in office.

And as a result of his outstanding work, Ohio's capital city today boasts of one of the finest police and fire departments in the nation.

Taking office on June 1, 1950, Don Cook practically reorganized the Police and Fire Departments from the ground up, and gave new meaning to the words, "law and order." Morale among both police and firemen was restored, salary scales were raised, police methods and training brought up to date, and public confidence in law enforcement is now greater than ever. When Public Safety Director Cook stepped out of office last January 1 when a new administration took over the city government, he left behind him an organization and a record of service of which he can be proud.

"It was a real privilege," he said, "to have been able to serve the people of Columbus."

### Accepts State Job

A few days after leaving his post, X-Agent Cook accepted a position as administrative assistant to Ohio State Auditor James A. Rhodes who will be the Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio in next November's election.

Thus, from Police Headquarters and City Hall, Cook has moved up to an assignment in Ohio's State House. Young and aggressive, Cook at 39 will figure importantly in future events in the Buckeye State, his friends declare.

Indeed, he is so highly regarded that a week before he retired from office the Columbus Sunday Dispatch devoted more than a half page to an

article and pictures of highlights of Cook's tour of duty with the city.

"The outstanding traits of the safety director," wrote feature writer Gene Jordan, "were undoubtedly his extreme loyalty to the men who served under him, particularly in the police ranks, his stubbornness when right, his unshakeable belief about enforcing all the laws and his great administrative ability."

Politicians frequently criticized Cook for his militant stand on enforcing the laws and for stamping out the activities of gamblers. It wasn't "good politics," they said. Cook's reply was that clean government is the best politics a city can have.

"I think the people of Columbus will appreciate more and more our non-political enforcement of the laws," said Cook. "You can't tell me that the majority of the people don't want good, clean, honest government."

### Warred on Horse Books

Gamblers remained clear of Columbus during Cook's term of office. Not only that, he was instrumental in closing down the horse books in an adjoining county. He did this by putting out of business the company that supplied the information and race results to the betting houses outside the city.

"Open commercial gambling cannot operate without the knowledge and consent of public officials," asserts Cook.

When he took office back in 1950, Cook immediately banned political pressures from his police officers. "Your job," he told them, "is to enforce the law. Forget about the politicians." Next he went to bat for salary increases for all police and firemen. Then he ordered an entirely new uniform for police and firemen and made good appearance a "must" for both departments.

Columbus police never had a training school where they could learn



**Donald D. Cook**

latest law enforcement techniques. Public Safety Director Cook got a school started and appointed the city's full-time training officer. At Police Headquarters, new systems were installed for keeping police records and other data, including fingerprints. New radio patrol cars were put into service, too.

Department discipline became a matter of first importance. Incompetents were weeded out and rules infractions brought specific penalties or demotions. Members of the department themselves applauded this move.

#### **Stressed Traffic Safety**

As a result of the Columbus traffic enforcement campaign, the city in both 1951 and 1952 won the traffic safety award for Ohio's larger cities. And in 1951 the city took first place in the nation for cities its size for reduction of fatal accidents.

As for the Columbus Fire Department, Cook helped to bring about the erection of five new fire houses during his three and half years of service, as well as the purchase of 31 new pieces of fire-fighting apparatus. The Fire Prevention Bureau was reorganized and a new style uniform was ordered for all men in the department.

For the first time also, traffic engineering was emphasized during his tour of duty. And another first was the designation of certain streets as one way thoroughfares.

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## **Oakley Hunter Is In Congress**

### **Californian Is Serving On Appropriations Committee**

Among the hard-working members of the United States Congress is former Special Agent Oakley Hunter who is now serving his second term in the House of Representatives from the 12th California District.

A member of the highly important Appropriations Committee, Congressman Hunter is in the midst of the big job of trying to bring Federal expenditures and revenues into balance.

Like so many X-Agents, Congressman Hunter is a lawyer, having been admitted to the California bar in 1940. He served in the Bureau from 1940 to 1944, resigning in the latter year to enter service with the U. S. Naval Reserve. He held the rank of Lieutenant, (junior grade), and was in the armed forces until 1946. Upon his return to civilian life he entered private law practice with the firm of Kimble, Thomas, Snell, Jamison & Russell at Fresno. He continued this relationship until he was elected to the 82d Congress on November 7, 1950. He was re-elected in 1952 to the 83d Congress. He is also a member of the Agriculture Committee.

#### **Born in Los Angeles**

Congressman Hunter is a native Californian, having been born in Los Angeles on June 15, 1916. He graduated from Fresno State College in 1937 and took his law degree from the University of California in 1940. He was married in 1949 to the former Loberta Geene Taylor and they have three children, Genella, Janet and John. At Fresno, the Hunters make their home at 2413 Michigan Avenue.

X-Agent Hunter holds membership in the American and California Bar Associations, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sigma Tau, Phi Delta Phi, the Elks, and the Exchange, University-Sequoia-Sunny-side and Edison Social Clubs.

# *Houston Members Active In Texas Civic Affairs*

## **Carl B. Sherman Heads Important Society Chapter**

Former Special Agents of the FBI in and around Houston, Texas, have established one of the strongest chapters of the Society, and the members of the group are taking an active and leading part in the civic and business life of this great section of the nation.

Following the national Society's purposes, Houston founded its chapter in April, 1946 when a small meeting of 11 X-Agents decided it would be an excellent idea to have an organization whereby former associates could renew old acquaintances and enjoy good fellowship. Charles W. McPhail, who entered the Bureau in 1917 and is a top flight private investigator, was the first chairman with Lewis M. LaMaster elected secretary. LaMaster is president of LaMaster & Company, a well known Texas concern. He entered the Bureau

in 1942 and served at St. Louis, Chicago, San Antonio and El Paso.

### **Bollfrass First Treasurer**

The new chapter chose Herbert Bollfrass as treasurer. Herb served at San Diego, New Orleans as well as on specials to South America. He is now a certified life underwriter for Great Southern Life Insurance Co. Another founder was A. T. Deere, Superintendent of Security for Dow Chemical. Deere was stationed at Chicago, New York, Portland and Washington from 1934 until resigning. Ray A. Pittman and Louis Thomas, Jr., also joined the first meeting, as did Samuel H. Kelly, Jr., who owns a farm 54 miles from Houston and also operates a service station. Sam entered service in 1941 and was stationed at Newark, Washington, New Orleans and handled specials in South America.

Included in the original group were Cecil E. Moore and William E. Harlan, who reported to the Bureau in 1943 and worked at Pittsburgh,



Houston Chapter officers are, from left to right, Morris A. Ruebright, secretary, Robert L. Harper, committee chairman, Carl B. Sherman, chapter president, William B. Butler, vice president, and Lewis M. LaMaster, committee chairman.



Left to right are Murry D. Kennedy, Franklin C. Jones, Jr., William E. Harlan, James H. Kerr, Jr., and Herbert Bollfrass.

Detroit and Norfolk before opening his own insurance agency at Houston. National Life Insurance Company supplied Murry D. Kennedy after Bureau service at Cleveland and New York as well as Houston where he now assists his company as assistant investment supervisor for Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. The last founding member is an attorney, X-Agent John A. Croom, who is well known for Bureau work at Los Angeles and Seattle. John is a partner in the law firm of Croom & Croom.

#### Noon Luncheons Held

Carl B. Sherman is the present chairman of this active chapter which can boast of a 70 per cent turn out at noon luncheons held from time to time, and it is a rare occasion when a member will miss two such meetings in succession. Chairman Sherman is vice president of the Houston Lighting & Power Company. His Bureau service started in 1939 and found him stationed at San Francisco, San Diego, supervisor at the Bureau, ASAC at Houston and Albuquerque.

Carl states there is not a member in the Houston Chapter who does not enjoy prestige and success in his line of endeavor. He states one member, who is not listed because of security

reasons, is engaged in top secret work vital to national defense. Many of the entertaining meetings are held at the exclusive Houston Club, Briar Club and the River Oaks Country Club where dancing and boat trips have been arranged.

Heading the list of investigators employed by General Research Company is Morris A. Ruebright, secretary and treasurer of the Chapter, who has done an excellent job in keeping the editor of this publication informed on Houston activities. Morris served the Bureau from 1941 at Miami, Tampa, Memphis and was a supervisor at the S. O. G. William B. Butler is the vice president and practices law in the firm of Jones & Donoghue. Before handling a special in South America, Bill was located at Cleveland, New York and San Francisco.

#### Lawyers Are Members

Many of the most prominent lawyers in the city are members of the Society and take an interesting part in the chapter's varied program. In addition to those already mentioned are Alfred C. Goodson, Howard S. Hoover, Gene Houchins, Dan Hruska, Franklin C. Jones, Jr., James H. Kerr, Jr., Norman R. McFarland, Phil

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County Judge Phil Peden, Houston, Texas, is an active Chapter and Society member.

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Peden, John Russell and Jesse L. Webb. X-SA Goodson served at New Orleans, Birmingham, New York and Chicago while Hoover worked Denver and Salt Lake City. Both have their own law offices.

Houchins is a member of the firm of Stofer, Proctor, Houchins and Anderson. His field offices were Richmond, Baltimore and Oklahoma City. Judge Hruska is Austin County's member of the bench and presides at Bellville, Texas. He served in the FBI at Detroit, Kansas City and was also a supervisor. Jones, after working out of the midwest and Jackson, is in the firm of Jones and Donoghue, while Kerr is with Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman and Bates. Jim's offices were at Grand Rapids, New Orleans and New York.

Attorney McFarland has his own office and was in the Bureau from 1942 located at Baltimore, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Russell also has his own offices and was stationed at Newark from 1951. Jesse Webb is a former SAC at Galveston, Houston

and Butte, and also served at St. Louis, San Antonio and the Bureau.

#### Peden County Judge

Judge Peden is a county judge in the law division at Houston. He entered the Bureau in 1942 and was located at Grand Rapids, Springfield, Indianapolis and finished at Houston.

Many of the members have continued in investigative work. Among these are J. V. Bell, chief special agent for Railway Express, C. Parker Breese, Jr., National Board of Fire Underwriters, Merrill V. Gregory, George L. Kroll, William H. Storey and Roland S. Torn, all investigators with General Research Company. These members are handling some of the best cases in the southwest.

The Society is well represented in the famous Texas oil business with men like George Bixler, B.B.M. Drilling Company's land manager, Ottis L. Brasher, land department of Standard Oil, Glade Helzer, Continental Oil Co., and Henry E. Kriegel, oil properties and accounting for his own company. As manager of Shell Oil Company's personnel and industrial relations, Thomas H. Moore has

an important post, as does Erik G. Peterson in the oil and real estate business.

#### Other Business Leaders

X-Agents have other important business connections. Included in this list are Anton Sal Sasso, a partner in the building firm of Matthews and Sal Sasso, George S. Forbes, manager for Hatheway Patterson Corp., and Robert E. Gregory, who is assistant director of industrial relations for Pan American Production Co. R. L. Harper is the general claims manager for Pan American Casualty Co., and Ardis C. Hopper heads industrial relations for Ethyl Corporation. Another executive is Walter Kuntz who is vice president and general manager for the Southwestern Drug Corp.

Consolidated Western Steel has employed F. Joseph Lackey who started for the Bureau in 1928. Day Lindburg is a real estate broker with Ahrens Realty Co. while former SAC A. F. Lorton, Jr., is assistant vice president of the National Bank of Commerce. McCullough Tool Company has South Dakota's John T. Lutey.

J. J. Maloney is the controller for

Wonder Rice Mills, Inc., and John Mehos is employed at Galveston by Liberty Corporations. Joseph A. Morris is with American Title & Guaranty Co. Clement W. Wail sells Packards as manager for Southern Motor Co., while Pat Turner sells life insurance as an agent for Bankers Life Company of Des Moines. Charles E. Wright is treasurer for Modern Optics, Inc., and Glenn Wilson, who lives in Kerrville, directs the operation of Esquire Cleaners at Houston.

#### Gus Jones Attends

Interest in Houston is displayed by Gus T. Jones of San Antonio who has attended many meetings of the Chapter and was their representative at the last annual meeting in New York.

On behalf of the more than 2,500 members of the Society, the GRAPEVINE salutes the Houston Chapter for the outstanding record its members are making in the growing prosperity of the southwest. Needless to say, the training received in the FBI has materially assisted the members as they carry on their important assignments.



Left to right are Norman R. McFarland, F. Joseph Lackey, Charles W. McPhail, and A. F. Lorton, Jr.

# With Our Chapters

## San Francisco

Secretary C. Robert Love reports that Jim Werson, Chapter Chairman, was recently appointed as a member of the Laws and Regulations Committee of the California Loan and Finance Association. There are only five members appointed to this committee, and the San Francisco group, as well as the Society membership, are delighted Jim received this high honor. He is a member of the law firm of Severson and McCallum.

Robert E. Lanctot, another prominent member, was elected president of the University of San Francisco Alumni Association and becomes the youngest person ever to hold this important office. Bob was also appointed as special counsel to the Del Norte County Grand Jury which was made at the request of the jury because of his Bureau experience.

A record number of indictments was returned by this jury, and Jim was given credit for the fine work. He also worked with Society members Harold G. Robinson, Deputy Director of California's Department of Justice, and Joe Schoales, a top flight investigator who works with "Robbie".

The grand jury found this X-FBI team to be one of the best ever to present matters for prosecution. The boys did an excellent job!

## Omaha

The new officers of the Omaha, Nebraska, Chapter are James R. McGreevy, chairman, and William P. Garvey, secretary.

Jim is a well known Nebraska attorney with offices in Omaha in the Keeline Building. He also is heading an active placement committee. Chapter meetings are held quarterly at various leading hotels, and the chairman should be contacted for time and place.

Omaha reports its is off to a good start for the new year!

## Washington

Good fellowship reigned supreme in the District of Columbia on the night of January 18, 1954 when 119 members of the Washington Chapter gathered at the Touchdown Club for their first meeting of the current year.

Conversation centered principally around the retirement of FBI Assistant Director Hugh Clegg and Mickey Ladd. According to scuttlebutt, Clegg is accepting a key position with the University of Mississippi. While Ladd is planning to bask in the Florida sunshine with no immediate plans for the future.

Robert E. Lee was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission by President Eisenhower. This was a recess appointment and on the date of our meeting Bob had appeared before the Senate for confirmation of his appointment. He was quite jubilant and felt that the Senators were duly impressed with his ability and that he would be confirmed (the Senate subsequently confirmed Bob and he is now a full fledged member of FCC).

Bob Collier announced his acceptance of a position with the American Bar Association. Al Mussey, our Chapter Chairman, has been named Director of Training for the Office of Special Investigations, USAF. New appointments in OSI are Bev Long, Ken McIntire, George Carroll, and Fred Robinette.

Genial Walt Yeagley has been appointed No. 1 man to the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division. Rumor has it that Racket Buster Downey Rice is currently in Florida cleaning up the Miami Beach police.

The meeting was saddened by the sudden and untimely death of our fellow member, Dr. William N. Gadol (Bureau service 1940-1945). After leaving the Bureau, Dr. Gadol completed his studies in medicine and had developed a very successful practice in Bethesda, Maryland.

## Chicago

On December 8th, the Chicago Chapter had the pleasure of having Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) as the guest speaker.

Senator Douglas paid tribute to the Society and the splendid work the Chicago members did while in the Bureau. His talk was well received by the more than 54 members in attendance, according to Gil A. Smith, publications chairman, who is the vice president and trust officer of State Bank and Trust Co. at Evanston.

D. V. Considine was elected chapter chairman with Pat Filter, vice chairman, Donald McVay, secretary and George M. Stevens, treasurer. The new officers are reported ready and willing to continue the fine work this chapter has done in the past.

### Windy City Jottings

This chapter prints a good newsletter and the following information has been selected for the Society publication:

In 1953 we have had the best attendance of all time, breaking the record with 61 at the last meeting, in September.

Also, in '53 the Chicago Chapter began the mailing of a "placement letter" telling Chicago area firms about our chapter and Society; prepared a directory of local area society members (O! Yes we did! I don't have mine either, but be patient!); the Placement Committee actually succeeded in placing three members in jobs during the year; conducted a "public opinion" survey by questionnaires to members to find out what you think ought to be done; obtained a substantial number of membership applications to the National Society, boosted, of course, by the group insurance offer.

Gil Smith, outgoing president, has followed a program which had as its purpose a livelier and better local organization with more recognition for our chapter. The results speak for themselves: more men in our meetings, more interest in our chapter. We suggest that a vote of thanks is due Gil for his effort, devotion and accomplishments for the Chapter and the Society.

El Presidente, when interviewed across the mahogany, 'twixt his notes and trust agreements, opined he had

the help of some hard-working officers and expressed "sincere thanks for the fine teamwork" of chapter members as well as officers.

### Vital Statistics

New agent trainee material:

James Kent,, son of Ed Maxwell, entered on duty (Ed, that is) July 31, 1953.

Steve, Jr., son of Steve Janas, E.O.D. September 4, 1953. This is the third for the Janases, but the first of trainee material, two previous being daughters.

High score, however, goes to Tom Diver, of Waukegan, the fifth being a daughter born August 23, 1953, making 3 girl Divers and 2 boys.

Other statistics, not so vital . . .

Pat Filter elected in October to Board of Director of Citizens National Bank. Is likewise general counsel for the institution . . . ditto Paul Plunkett, general counsel and Board of Directors of Mercantile National Bank.

Tom McInerney has left the States Attorney's office—goes into his own law firm.

### Roy Mohrman Resigns

Roy Mohrman, recently resigned Chicago field office to take post of Chief of Protection of Wieboldt Stores. Paul Trapani, now director and treasurer of ETM Studios, advertising art and commercial photography studios . . . Ray Muller has opened a law office in the First National Bank Bldg.—Newton and Muller.

Harry Washington, since summer, is Field Sales Manager for Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motor Co., 333 N. Michigan. Wally Morgan now with John Plain & Co.

Bob Snediker just left Chicago FBI office to go with Chicago Show Printing Co. Chuck Buresch successfully managed aldermanic campaign of Paul Boyer in Evanston. Everett Henthorn, South Bend, is recovering after a seige in the hospital. Frank Martinek makes the financial pages again, this time retiring as district chairman of the Oil Information Committee on January 1, spoke at October 29 meeting of his oilmen associates.

Pete Covelli, long-time investigator for Singer Sewing Machines, looked up George Dale in Chicago to reminisce . . . about the '20's, that is!



# President's Report

By

**Bob Dore**

The spirit of '76, way back in the revolutionary days must have been a cold shoulder clambake compared to the spirit that abounds in our entire organization. I sense it, I see it, and I'm pleased to say that I hear some of the other boys talk about it. At the Society offices at the last Executive meeting, Dick Simon, a one time SAC and now a lawyer in Connecticut was glowing because one of our boys in another state sent a great big case on to him, and as Dick described it, he said, "I didn't even know the forwarding attorney, and he sent it to me only because I'm in the Society."

Not so long ago I wanted to contact about a dozen newspaper publishers around the country, and I sent out a dozen letters, each one to a member in the city where the newspaper was located. Every one of the publishers was contacted and I received a very satisfactory report. To those of you who made those contacts, thanks a lot, and I want to acclaim here that the letters showed a wonderful spirit.

## Assist Each Other

All this leads up to what I am trying to say. Try to utilize the services of your fellow members of the Society. If you're a lawyer and need a corresponding attorney, check the membership directory. If you're in any field where you need an occasional assignment performed in another area, find a Society member. If you're in a position to select employees, look for an X-agent in our organization. The next membership directory will make it easier for you to find members in every industry. We're planning a completely new format for the directory, a larger book, possibly a two color hard cover, with about twenty-four names to the page. In the rear of the book we plan to list all of

the members by occupation, in addition to the other listings now included in the present directory.

As you see from this issue, the Grapevine has had a complete face lifting, thanks to our new editor Gordon Philips who has done a wonderful job. Gordon has had previous experience with this type of work, so shortly after he was given the assignment he was shooting letters all over the country and had the first issue out. We at Headquarters received comments from Chambers of Commerce (they received a few) and members all over the country that the Grapevine is representative of a fast moving organization. Get behind Gordon and feed him as much material as you can dig up. When you get a letter or a phone call from him, as you will, drop everything and get the story back to him. We're hoping to put out an issue every month, except July and August, and we'll need a lot of material. Don't be bahful and wait to be asked. Send Gordon Philips anything that you think will interest the other members.

## New Members Wanted

The membership committee headed by Bill Bennett is doing a good job, processing a lot of new applications and evaluating a lot of reference material. At the Society headquarters a few nights ago Bill, Frank Mitovich and Jim Harris, all members of the membership committee were working well into the early hours of the morning to get their end of the work done before the Quarterly meeting. That's what I mean by the wonderful spirit that's in the Society.

Tom McDade, one of our members and comptroller of that wee company, General Foods, came up with an idea for the membership committee that should add about five hundred members to our organization. That 3x5

index card which called for the names and addresses of former agents who are not members of our organization, which all of you received, was Tom's idea. About four hundred cards were returned to Headquarters, and we're sending a personal note to everyone of those X-agents to join with us.

#### Public Relations Important

Vincent Hurley who heads the public relations committee has been hard at work starting several projects. One of them is a letter sent to the presidents of large industrial firms all over the United States, suggesting that they write to us whenever they need a man for a position that can be handled by one of our members. That's not a local project as we hope to find availabilities in every city of the country. That brings up the need for every chapter to have one of their members on the national placement committee headed by Hal Perry. Hal, by the way, has been working very hard trying to place some of our boys who are looking for better jobs, or for assignments in different cities. Note to Chapter Chairman. Do it today. Send Hal Perry the name of one of your men for assignment on the Placement Committee. Vincent Hurley has also been active on several other projects along public relations lines and at the present time he's trying to place stories in some of the larger publications. Assisting Vince are Bill Geeslin, Earnie Draper and John Vincent, the other members of that committee.

Sam D'Anna has been busy with the Chapter Committee. I'm convinced that we need a more concrete program for every one of our chapters, more uniformity of the number of meetings, types of local officers, agenda for meetings, etc. D'Anna is now putting such a program together for the chapters. I know very well that we're no longer agents of a field office, that we're all out trying to improve our position in our profession or occupation, and we haven't too much time for protocol. However I'm suggesting such a plan to bring the members closer together, not to burden them with any paper work. We have thirty-one chapters but only half of our members are affiliated with chapters. In my opinion every member should be associated with a chapter, including all of the members

in the New York area. The country should be divided into some kind of territorial breakdown and each area assigned to a chapter. Then it would be incumbent upon the Chapter Chairman to invite all of the members of the Society in his area to the Chapter meetings. The Society member in turn would have the privilege of joining or refraining from joining a chapter. This whole plan is now up for discussion with the Executive Committee. If you have any ideas on the subject, we'll like to hear from you.

#### Members Secure Insurance

Morty Davis who heads the insurance committee is not too happy these days. For the life of him he can't understand why everyone of our members does not join the Insurance program. About sixty percent of our members are in the program, but we'd like to see everyone of us in the Society in the Insurance program.

Jerry Tracy, one of our insurance experts, checked several insurance companies and learned that the cost for term insurance, the equivalent of our group program for the average age of our members costs over \$100.00 per year. All we ask you to pay under our program is \$50.00. During the last three months, since I have become president, four of our members died. Three of them were covered under our insurance program, and the beneficiary of each received the sum of \$5000.00. The fourth one was not covered, and at the present time we're quite concerned about the welfare of his family.

The Society doesn't make any money on the Insurance plan, but we're anxious to see every member covered. According to the rules of the company covering us, a member who does not join within sixty days after he joins the society cannot thereafter get into the Insurance program without a medical examination. However if we get enough requests we'll try to get the company to waive that part of the contract. Sit down now and write to Morty Davis and ask to be included in the Insurance program. Note again to the Chapter Chairman. Appoint a member of your chapter to be on the Insurance Committee, and send his name to Morty. We'll provide the instructions to the insurance

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# He's Mayor and Assemblyman

**Caryle Crane Doing So Well as Chief Executive Of Plainfield, N. J. His Constituents Picked Him for State House Job, Too**

Usually the job as mayor of a thriving and progressive city such as Plainfield, New Jersey is enough to keep the average man busy.

But so well is former Special Agent Carlyle W. Crane handling the post as Plainfield's chief executive, that his Union County constituents decided they'd send him to the New Jersey Legislature also to help settle things on a statewide level.

A lot of things have been happening to X-Agent Carlyle since he resigned from the Bureau late in 1945.

Among the notable events he lists is the acquisition of three additional members of his fine family.

"Our lineup," he writes, "now consists of Douglas, 13; Carlyle, Jr., 11; Cynthia, 6, and the twins, David and Jonathan, 15 months."

Just a year after he left the Bureau the citizens of Plainfield elected him

to the Common Council.

Then, on January 1, 1949, he became Mayor of Plainfield, a post he has held since with distinction and outstanding service.

Last November he was elected a member of the Union County delegation in the House of Assembly of the State Legislature and was sworn into office at the opening of the legislative season on January 12, 1954.

Besides these various activities, Mayor Crane also is busily engaged practicing law.

"With all these activities," writes Mayor Crane, "I have been kept more than busy and have been unable to attend the meetings of the Society. However, I read with interest the bulletins and The Grapevine and I am glad to see that the organization is thriving under the able leaders who have been elected to serve."

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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chapter rep., and all of the members of the Society will benefit.

### President's Committee

Recently the Executive Committee voted for the formation of a new committee to be called the Presidents' Committee. They reasoned that the past presidents knew too much to be drifting around without any harness, and now we're hoping to put them back to work. Bruce Bielaski, one of the predecessors of the present FBI director and the second president of our Society has been appointed temporary chairman, until a permanent chairman is elected.

This Society was organized in 1937 and at that time the dues were set for \$5.00. It is still \$5.00, but now we have a national headquarters at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City where we pay rent. We have thirty-one chapters, and although we do not pay any rent at the chapter head-

quarters, we do pay for the chapter printing and mailing expenses. We have Fran's salary, telephone expenses, and lots of printing and mailing expenses for the whole organization. Last year the mailing and postage charges, exclusive of printing amounted to \$2900.00 The printing and distribution of the directory costs about \$2000, and now with a monthly Grapevine, the charges for printing and distributing that publication will run even more. It looks like we wouldn't be able to get along much longer with the \$5.00 dues. Just think what you paid for lunch today, and you'll realize that the 1937 dollar shrunk a bit.

To those of you who sent letters with suggestions, thanks a lot. Keep those letters coming as that's the only way we'll know how we can do a better job. Before my term expires I hope to make a trip around the country and attend most of the chapter meetings. Good luck to you all and I'm hoping to meet most of you again soon.

## With Our Chapters

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### New Society Members

New Chicago area names on the Society membership list:

John Dowd, Chicago lawyer.

Bob Hoehle, investigator.

Mauritz E. Gahlon, Management Engineer.

Bob Snediker, aforementioned.

John Brown, Des Plaines Studebaker dealer, performed his usual good services for the chapter by arranging a benefactor to supply the Peter Hand beer last meeting.

David Straub, sales manager of the Peter Hand Brewery, has received an official invitation to be a guest at our next meeting.

### St. Louis

Attorney John J. Cole is the Grapevine correspondent for the St. Louis Chapter and submits the following report which has been neither confirmed or disapproved:

The Annual Christmas Party of the St. Louis Chapter was held on December 19th in the second floor ballroom of the palatial suburban estate and residence of former Agent Harry C. Deckert, midwestern magnate of the candle and wax business. This meeting customarily combines with a great deal of frivolity a short business meeting for the Treasurer's Report and the new election of officers.

The best that can be said about the business meeting is that the timing was bad and it was deferred until too late in the evening for the present officers of the Club to command the respectful attention of those present. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee could scarcely be heard, and actually, what he did say was not at all relevant to the matter at hand. In fact, those who heard him, elected him President, but unfortunately, since they were such a small minority, a new election by mail is being conducted.

Harry Deckert and his wife went out of their way to provide most beautiful decorations. Butler and Dotty Bushyhead and Jack and Mary Cole provided a turkey, Gene Strong brought a ham, and John Vieth and Buddy Conrad took care of notices and liquid refreshments.

### McNary Santa Claus

Forty agents and their wives and best girls—attended the gala affair. There was lots of music and things to eat and drink. Santa Claus McNary gave out presents in full red and white uniform and beard. Appropriate poems reflecting extreme intellectual effort accompanied many of the presents and added to the general hilarity.

All in all, it was one of the most festive and successful affairs the St. Louis Chapter has ever had except that the business meeting was a complete flop, which, after all, is probably as it should be.

### Pittsburgh

Lee H. Seward advises that a dinner meeting was held at the Fort Pitt Hotel recently, and the following members and applicants of the Pittsburgh Chapter were present:

Sidney A. Andur, James A. Carlson, John H. Devlin, Frank H. Donaghue, James J. Dillon, J. Gareth Hitchcock, Richard B. Hood, Fred J. Hook, Walter R. Kretchman, John F. Leahy, Earl E. Riley and Lee H. Seward.

A resolution of gratitude was voted to Lee for the excellent arrangements made for the picnic which was a highly successful social on August 29, 1953.

A committee consisting of James J. Dillon and Earl Riley was elected to ascertain the approximate cost and availability of locations for a winter social for the members, wives, and guests.

### HOUTS DOING GREAT JOB

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#### Cases Thoroughly Investigated

Investigations by the "Court" often extend over a period of years and involve a great deal of effort. Trial transcripts which are examined run into the thousands of pages. Most investigations result from appeals filed by the prisoners themselves. The "Court" makes it clear to a prisoner that it will reveal unfavorable information it discovers in its inquiry, along with information helpful to him. It also warns him that his case will be dropped if the prisoner has misrepresented the facts in his case.

Houts and Argosy's editors, however, aren't satisfied merely to obtain justice for men who have been

wrongfully convicted. They also are trying to do something to prevent such convictions in the future. To accomplish that, they have outlined the following 10-point program:

1. Prevent the conviction of innocent men and the escape of guilty men by better standards of proof so that jurors are not asked to rely upon inference and conjecture where proof should be available.
2. Bring about a better understanding of police problems by the taxpayer so that police can be given more technical education and economic security, relieving police of both economic and political pressure.
3. Let competent medical examiners have sole responsibility to determine cause of death in homicide cases.
4. Establish boards with power to review facts in proper cases just as appellate courts review errors of law.
5. Require courts to see that each person accused of crime has adequate and competent counsel, as well as impartial experts.
6. Eliminate technicalities through which the guilty escape.
7. Educate the public to understand that the professional criminal is an avowed enemy of society while the amateur who errs is primarily a rehabilitative problem.
8. Promote greater respect for courts and American institutions.
9. Promote a greater respect for the legal profession.
10. Develop a closer cooperation between the legal and medical professions so that attorneys have a greater understanding of the function legal medicine can play in establishing proof.

#### Praise From Gardner

Famed detective story writer Gardner still maintains an active interest in the Court of Last Resort. He has particular praise for the group of former Special Agents who are devoting a great deal of time and effort to help bring justice to the unfortunates who appeal to the "Court" for assistance. In practically all of his many speeches he speaks of the work of the former Agents and mentions them also in his book, "The Court of Last Resort." He has some excellent words, also, about the caliber of the men who are selected as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

#### METCALFE'S VERSE

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one of the choicest newspaper assignments, along with jobs as feature writer. In June, 1938 Jim got his first chance at his now famous "Portraits" column. At the start, however, he confined himself to humor and the reader response was absolutely zero. Then he tried his hand at philosophy, love, friendship and home life. Immediately reader interest zoomed. Convincing his editors that his daily verse was worthwhile was another story. It was only after they had dropped the column and readers flooded the mail with protests that Jim's work began to be appreciated by the top editorial brains.

#### Went Back to U. S. Job

Meanwhile, Jim went back to his old job with the Farm Security Administration. He moved to Birmingham, Ala., then to Dallas, Tex., and, when he transferred to the Production and Marketing Administration, to Washington, D. C. The family by this time included three children, and it was a big step, selling their home in Dallas and moving into a new one in Washington. But the Washington climate caused Jim's oldest son, Jimmie, to develop asthma so the Metcalfe's decided their best bet would be to return to Dallas. In just four months, the Metcalfe family had lived in three different homes.

Throughout this period of government service, Jim continued to write his "Portraits" verses. Two collections of his poems were brought out in book form and each sold some 50,000 copies. A third volume sold well over 75,000 copies. During World War II Jim Metcalfe's poems, printed in the Chicago Times, were mailed by readers of the newspaper all over the world where they cheered boys on the various battlefields or in prison camps.

Now that he is devoting all his time to writing, Jim still finds that he works best at night when his family is asleep and the house is quiet.

#### Writes in Longhand

Jim writes either in longhand in a composition book, or on a portable typewriter. Love is his most popular theme and he writes a verse on that subject every fourth day. Every Sunday he turns out a prayer or a poem

of a religious nature. He also takes national holidays in stride. Jim's syndicate loves him because he's never late with his copy and turns it in months in advance. The only personal poems that Jim writes are about his own family. Jim's verse isn't printed in the usual poetic style but is in paragraph form with dots between each line. Here, for example, is one of Jim's copyrighted poems, which is typical of his style:

#### God Bless You

Dear friend of mine, there is no way . . . In which I could address you . . . With more sincerity of heart . . . Than just to say God bless you . . . My words could wish that all your cares . . . Would be a little lighter . . . And I could send you greeting cards . . . To make your hours brighter . . . My lips could call good luck to you . . . Or whisper happy landing . . . And I could promise you the depth . . . Of faithful understanding . . . But I am sure no other thought . . . Or message would impress you . . . As lovingly or lastingly . . . As asking God to bless you . . . And so I say God bless you, friend . . . In every good endeavor . . . And may His guiding grace be yours . . . Forever and forever.

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Reading beautifully written poems like that, you begin to understand why Jim Metcalfe, X-Agent extraordinary, is loved by millions of his readers all over the U. S.

#### COOK IS APPLAUDED

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A former student at Ohio State University, Cook has been in police work for many years. His first job came in 1937 when he joined the Ohio Highway Patrol and went to a training school supervised by Ralph Alvis, present warden at Ohio Penitentiary. He spent four years in the patrol and at one time was in the motorcycle escort for Ohio's governor. After he had worked with the FBI in solving several robberies, he was urged to apply for membership in the Bureau. He became the first and only Ohio highway patrolman ever to be accepted by the FBI.

#### Eight Years In Bureau

Cook spent eight years in all as a special agent, much of it on the West Coast where he helped to investigate

and arrest several enemy agents. In December, 1944 he recovered and identified the first Japanese balloon, containing an incendiary bomb, which was blown across the Pacific and landed in northern Idaho. Director Hoover sent him a special commendation in 1948, just before he left the FBI, for capturing a dangerous bank robber.

After resigning from the Bureau, Cook was an arson investigator, at Columbus for the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Two years later, James A. Rhodes, the then mayor of Columbus, was looking for a public safety director. He had gone to Ohio State with Cook and he knew of Cook's unusual background in police work. So he phoned him and asked him to drop over for a talk. The appointment as public safety director followed.

X-Agent Cook lives at 792 Kenwick Road, Columbus, with his wife, Jane, and their son, Joseph, 7 years old.

#### SOCIETY'S MEETINGS

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Herman Ringle, chief counsel for the Division of Employment Security of the State's Department of Labor and Industry.

Attorney General Richman discussed various law enforcement problems in New Jersey today. Former U. S. District Attorney for New Jersey, he paid high tribute to the outstanding assistance he received from many members of the Society during their active FBI days.

Mr. Connorton called attention to the fine cooperation which has always existed between the New York Police Department and the Bureau. He recalled, too, that he had served as public director of the "This is Your FBI" show several years ago.

Vice president Tom Davis from Decatur, Ga., brought greetings from Society members in the South, while E. E. (Ted) Conroy, who had been featured recently in one of Ham Fisher's "Joe Palooka" cartoons, was presented with an enlarged copy of the drawing bearing his likeness.

Preceding the general gathering of the Society, President Dore held a meeting of the Executive Committee.

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## *Joe Palooka Salutes Conroy*



Ham Fisher, creator of Joe Palooka, used Ted Conroy as his "Sheriff Conroy" in his famous strip issued to the newspapers on January 5th. The sheriff certainly looks like our Ted who is a close friend of Ham Fisher. Ham has spoken at many FBI Law Enforcement meetings when X-SAC Conroy was in N. Y. C. Ted is director of security for American Cyanamid Company and an active Society member.

Society Former FBI Agents

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

March 29, 1954

Mr. Tolson:

The attached letter from Honorable Gordon A. Phillips, the new editor of the "Grapevine," official publication of the Society of Former Special Agents, requests assistance on an article of the new firearms range at Quantico, along with pictures and information.

The attached outgoing letter tactfully declines to furnish the information.

We have previously been informed that Phillips and his group are trying to do a good job, and it seems to me that even though there are elements in the Society of Former Special Agents which are objectionable, as long as the "Grapevine," their official organ, carries proper material pertaining to the Bureau, that it might be well to take advantage of this medium.

We will, of course, have pictures of the new range; and while we would not want to make them available for the May issue which goes to press the last week in April, we could agree to do it at a later date. I think the advantages would out-weigh the disadvantages.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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March 24, 1954

My dear Director:-

It is my pleasure to enclose a copy of the latest "GRAPEVINE" which is the official publication of the X-FBI Society.

As the new editor of the magazine, it will be my policy in each issue to feature good editorial comments on the Bureau by some of the nation's leading industrial and business men. I am certain you will find these statements to be good public relations for all concerned.

I would like to feature an article on the new firearms range at Quantico and would appreciate your kindness in arranging a story with pictures which we could run in an early issue. The May issue will go to press the last week in April, and I shall be happy to hold three pages open for such a story.

Lastly, if I can be of any service to you and the Bureau thru our magazine, please feel free to advise me.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

GORDON A. PHILLIPS

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
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Honorable Gordon A. Phillips  
Judge  
Municipal Court of Fieldboro  
28 West State Street  
Trenton 6, New Jersey

G. I. R. - Y

My dear Judge:

It was a pleasure to receive your kind letter of March 24, 1954, with enclosure, and I am glad that you would like to feature an article on our new firearms range at Quantico, Virginia, in a forthcoming issue of *The Grange*.

For your information, these facilities are not in use as yet, and it will not be possible to furnish you with the material you desire in time for use in your May, 1954, issue. As soon as pictures are available, however, I will be happy to send you the data you requested.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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A follow up for 4-30-54 is being made at which time a check will be made to see if pictures of the new facilities at Quantico have been made.

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April 1, 1954

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President  
Society of Former Special Agents  
of the FBI, Inc.  
Hotel Roosevelt  
45th Street and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Mr. Dore:

Thank you very much for your note of  
March 26, 1954, with enclosures.

I was happy to have the opportunity to  
see the March, 1954, issue of "The Grapevine," and  
I appreciate your sending the copies to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

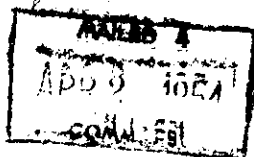
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April 19, 1954

Mr. Robert M. Dore  
President  
Society of Former Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Hotel Roosevelt  
45th Street and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dore:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 13,  
1954, inviting me to attend the dinner meeting of your  
Society at the Hotel Roosevelt on May 17, 1954.

It certainly would be a pleasure to attend  
if at all possible. I deeply regret, however, that prior  
commitments preclude my planning to be with you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 13, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you probably know our organization has a dinner meeting every three months and at each one of the meetings we usually have about 150 Former Agents of the F.B.I.

Our next dinner is scheduled for May 17th, 1954 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City starting at 6:30 P.M.

For these meetings we have been inviting prominent individuals in City, State and Federal affairs and persons well known in the entertainment field. We have extended an invitation to this May 17th meeting to Judge Irwin D. Davidson of the Special Sessions of the City of New York who has a reputation of being a very humorist story teller.

We would like to extend an invitation to you Mr. Hoover to be our Guest of Honor at this meeting. I am sure that you will find our meetings interesting, and it will give you an opportunity to renew acquaintances with men who have held you in high esteem for many, many years.

May we have an early reply.

Cordially,

Robert M. Dore

Robert M. Dore  
President

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: June 29, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Former SA [ ] came by to see me today at the suggestion of former SA Robert Dore, President of the Society of Former Agents. This year the Society is holding its first annual convention in Chicago on November 12, 13 and 14. Dore was most hopeful that the Director could accept an invitation to visit the convention preferably/speak at their annual banquet or on any other occasion which would be convenient, and if this was not convenient they would appreciate the Director dropping in at the convention.

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I told [ ] that the Director was not accepting any commitments, that he would appreciate the invitation but that it would not be possible to work this in.

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## Former FBI Agents Form Own Group

Arkansas' ex-FBI agents—whose occupations now range from drug-gists and plantation owners to top state executive posts—have formed their own organization.

Reed Thompson, North Little Rock city attorney, and temporary chairman, said yesterday that their application for a charter has been approved by the executive committee of the National Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

The new Arkansas organization which has 30 members, including 13 in the Greater Little Rock area, will receive its charter and elect permanent officers at a meeting in the near future.

Members of the Arkansas group include: Dean Morley, Little Rock attorney and former state revenue commissioner; Vance Scurlock, present revenue commissioner; Lindsey Hatchett, director of Arkansas State Police. The drug-gist is Frank Williamson, Pine Bluff, and the plantation owner is John Allmon, Clarendon.

Most of the other Arkansas members are attorneys, although one is a judge—Andrew Ponder, Newport—and others are in the insurance, oil and automobile businesses.

Other temporary officers of the Arkansas chapter are Harrod Berry, North Little Rock attorney, secretary, and Les Grady, Little Rock personnel director, treasurer.

The national organization now has almost 3,000 members, which includes several governors, former governors and congressmen.

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"ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT"  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
MAY 9, 1954

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# **FBI EX-Agents Form Chapter at Little Rock**

An Arkansas Chapter of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received its charter last week from the National Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

The Arkansas Chapter, with about 30 members, has headquarters at Little Rock.

Temporary officers of the Chapter are Reed Thompson of North Little Rock, chairman; Harold Berry of North Little Rock, secretary, and Les Grady of Little Rock, treasurer.

"ARKANSAS GAZETTE"  
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May 12, 1954

Mr. David H. Barry

Dear Mr. Barry:

Please convey to your fellow members of the Cedar Rapids Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents my sincerest thanks for the congratulatory telegram of May 10, 1954.

It was indeed thoughtful of you and your associates to remember me on my Thirtieth Anniversary as Director of the FBI, and I am deeply appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Relations with Barry and the Cedar Rapids Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents have been favorable.

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION *SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS*  
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY. NO ONE  
CAN APPRECIATE MORE DEEPLY THAN WE WHO SERVED UNDER  
YOU THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

CEDAR RAPIDS CHAPTER SOCIETY OF FORMER  
SPECIAL AGENTS DAVID H BARRY SECY

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one letter to Barry  
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May 13, 1954

Mr. John J. Ruane

Dear Mr. Ruane:

It was indeed kind of the Washington Chapter of the Society of Former Agents of the FBI to send me its telegram of May 10, 1954, extending congratulations on my Thirtieth Anniversary as Director of the FBI.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness, and I do hope that you will convey my thanks to your fellow members.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Former SA Alex Muzzey is Chairman of the Washington

is being sent to Ruane, who is Secretary of the Washington Chapter.

Address per telephone book. It is to be noted that the Washington Chapter of the Former Agents Society has professed support and friendship for the Bureau on many occasions; however, they retain in their membership several individuals hostile to the Bureau and whose records in the Bureau were not good.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER-FBI-

*SOCIETY OF FORMER FBI AGENTS*  
OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS  
THE OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF OUR TIMES. OUR  
PRAYERS AS CITIZENS AND FORMER FBI AGENTS ARE FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU FOR MANY YEARS  
TO COME.-

WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. Ker*

DATE: July 14, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols *V*

SUBJECT:

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Former Special Agent Dan O'Connor called. He is Chairman of the First Annual National Convention of the Society of Former Agents which will be held in Chicago, November 12-14, 1954, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Their banquet will be on November 13. They already have 500 commitments and expect a total attendance of from 750 to 1,000 former Agents.

O'Connor stated that this convention is a great victory for the group of former Agents who have been seeking to wrest control of the Society of Former Agents from the New York clique and that he felt that they were making some progress in rehabilitating the Society and that he was looking forward to the day when the Society could, with propriety, invite the recognition of the Bureau. He stated that one of the avowed purposes of the convention, which is stated in their brochure of which he will send of copies to us, is that it is the purpose of the Society of Former Agents and this convention to dedicate its membership to the ideals of the FBI.

*they will have to make some substantial changes as to qualifications for membership*

O'Connor stated that there is unanimous sentiment among the former Agents that they want more than anything else to have the Director as the banquet speaker. It would be the principal event. He stated that if the Director does not wish to make a speech, then they would like for him to be in Chicago and look in on the convention. O'Connor stated that he wanted to do the proper thing in presenting this matter to the Director and was wondering if I had any ideas or suggestions.

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I told him that in the first instance, the Director has not been accepting speaking invitations and that it would be impossible for the Director to accept their invitation as he had declined too many others at this particular time, and that to my own certain knowledge, the Director had no plans which would put him in the vicinity of Chicago at that time. I told him I knew if the Director were passing through Chicago, he would be glad to see the former Agents who were in good standing, but that I saw little possibility of this.

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

O'Connor stated that he thinks that the fight by the good Agents is now beginning to bear fruit and he thinks it is very important if it is at all possible for the Director to be in Chicago at the time of the convention, that he do so. He stated the Director probably has little idea of the feeling on the part of the great mass of former Agents toward the Bureau and toward the Director personally; that he thought it would be a wonderful thing for the Society of Former Agents and the Bureau if the Director could be there. I told him that I would advise the Director of our conversation but I did not see how it would be humanly possible for the Director to work this in.

O'Connor then stated that their first choice for a speaker, of course, was the Director. However, if the Director could not accept, their second choice was Chief Justice Earl Warren, their third choice Vice President Nixon. Failing in these, they would then consider such individuals as [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that they will maintain the convention on a professional level. He further advised that already there were determined efforts being made to utilize the convention. He stated, for example, that [redacted]

[redacted] advised the Society that Governor Warren would be glad to come to the convention as the principal speaker at his own expense. He was turned down. b6

Incidentally, O'Connor advised that if the Director can go to Chicago, the Society will take care of all expenses.

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*O'CONNOR  
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wanted to because I  
have commitment on  
Nov. 13 for Catholic  
Univ. Banquet.*

July 2, 1954



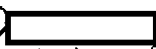
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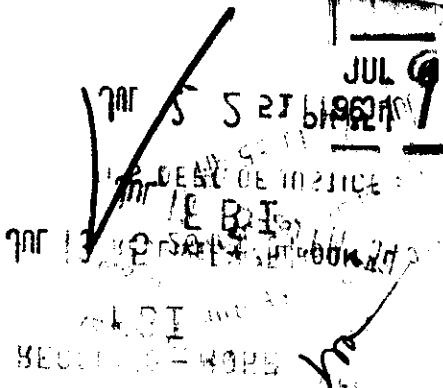
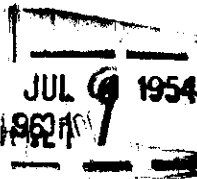
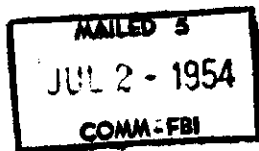
Thanks a lot for sending me the  
extra copy of the most recent directory.  
I am glad to have it.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:  sent the most recent directory of  
the Society of Former Agents to the Director.



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: July 21, 1954

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Society of Former Agents in Chicago

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I advised former Special Agent Dan O'Connor that it would be impossible for the Director to attend the annual convention of the Society of Former Agents in Chicago in view of a commitment in Washington on November 13, 1954; that the Director appreciated O'Connor's interest and the invitation. O'Connor stated that he thoroughly understood; that he has in mind that the Chicago convention will break the hold of the New York clique on the Society; that next year they will hold the convention in some midwest city and he was hoping in 1956 the convention can be held in Washington. He said that when that occurred, he hoped arrangements could be made for the former Agents to have a day at Quantico with a program. I told him that this, of course, is a long way off.

O'Connor then brought up the efforts being made for the good individuals to get control of the Society. I told him, of course, they would never accomplish this it would appear until they tightened up on their membership requirements. He stated this is exactly what their plans are; that they might not be able to put this over this year, but certainly in one or two years there will an iron clad requirement that nobody will be accepted unless he has left the Bureau in excellent standing.

cc: Mr. Jones

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August 10, 1954

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

Mr. Robert M. Dore  
President  
Society of Former Special Agents of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Hotel Roosevelt  
45th Street and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dore:

I have received your note of August 5, 1954, with enclosures, and I appreciate your making the copies of the latest issue of "The Grapevine" available to me. It was most thoughtful of you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

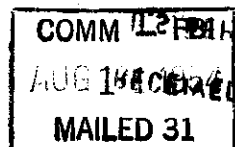
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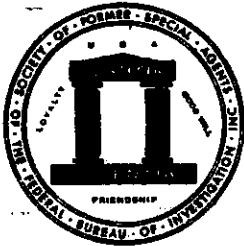
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[REDACTED] The Bureau has had cordial correspondence with him in connection with his present capacity with this organization since he became its President on 11-9-53. "The Grapevine" is correct per prior correspondence.

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Society of  
Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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August 5, 1954

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Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigations  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Inclosed please find copies of the Grapevine.

Trust you are enjoying good health. Kind regards.

Sincerely,

*Robert M. Dore*

Robert M. Dore,  
President

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Wper*

DATE: September 7, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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For record purposes, [ ] inquired this afternoon as to our views on having a picture taken of representatives of the Society of Former Special Agents and the Attorney General inasmuch as this group has invited the Attorney General to address their Chicago convention. [ ] stated the Attorney General undoubtedly will be unable to do it as he will probably be in Europe, but he wondered if it would be an appropriate type of thing to do.

[ ] told [ ] his reaction was that this was coming in the backdoor to get approval in an indirect way of the Attorney General of the Society of Former Special Agents; that the FBI had never recognized the group in any formal way whatsoever and as he recalled there were some individuals in the organization who had recommended Congress investigate the FBI and it seemed most inconsistent to have the Attorney General placed in a spot of giving approval to an organization like this where the Bureau itself has consistently refused to give it recognition.

[ ] stated he agreed thoroughly and accordingly the picture would not be taken nor will the invitation be accepted.

cc: [ ]  
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SOCIETY FORMER FBI AGENTS

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. NICHOLS

[REDACTED]

After the Attorney General's luncheon today, [REDACTED] spoke to me about the request which had been made of him by [REDACTED] of the Criminal Division to have a picture taken of the Attorney General receiving an invitation from the ex-Agents Association. [REDACTED] stated that he had previously discussed this matter with [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] had now proposed as an alternative that the Attorney General have his picture taken with the ex-Agents who are members of the Society who are employed in the Department of Justice. [REDACTED] asked me what I thought of this. I told [REDACTED] that it was, of course, a matter entirely up to the Attorney General to decide but that I certainly did not have complete freedom from reservations as to the ex-Agents Association in view of the fact that the Society had retained as a member Mr. Henry Grunewald after the serious charges had been made against Grunewald. I told [REDACTED] that the efforts to prevent expulsion of Grunewald from the Society were led by former [REDACTED] and former Special Agent [REDACTED]. I stated I certainly felt that the Society was not in as good standing as it should be by reason of the character of some of the ex-employees who had been accepted for membership. [REDACTED] stated this was all the information he needed and that he would advise [REDACTED] it would not be convenient for the Attorney General to have his photograph taken.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 25, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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TO PROTECT THE  
NAME OF THE FBI

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*Society of Former F. B. I. Agents*

Former Special Agent [redacted] called. He had just read the article in Newsweek Magazine about the bill prohibiting the use of the FBI's name. He was wondering how this would effect the Society of Former Special Agents. I told him the bill was aimed at the exploitation of the name of the FBI and that certainly the Society of Former Special Agents would come under the law only if they should start exploiting the name FBI. [redacted] wanted a copy of the bill and I told him we would be glad to send it to him. This was done.

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[redacted] then pointed out that the Society, of course, is carrying on a campaign among its members designed to prevent the use of the name of the FBI for political purposes or for personal gain; that the Society felt the only proper use of the name was in a directory, such as is being put out by the American Bar Association wherein the words "former FBI Agent" would be used. I told him that obviously where the name is used as a historical fact, this would not come within the law.

cc: Mr. Mohr

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/2

FROM: SAC, Dallas (80-378)

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SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. WILLIAM F. BILLINGS, former Special Agent and presently employed [redacted]

[redacted] advised that a group of former Special Agents, numbering 28, had a meeting and reorganized the Ex-Agents Association in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. BILLINGS stated that he was elected chairman of this group; former Special Agent JOHN DINSMORE, who is presently employed [redacted] was elected secretary; former Special Agent JAMES RANDOLPH, who is presently [redacted] [redacted] was elected treasurer, and former Special Agent GORDON R. CARPENTER was elected program chairman. CARPENTER is presently [redacted]

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According to BILLINGS the meetings will be held quarterly. BILLINGS further related that he expects this organization to get fully organized in the near future.

The Bureau will be kept advised concerning the above-captioned matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. NICHOLS

On October 13, 1954, I saw former Special Agent Daniel L. O'Connor, Jr., [redacted] Mr. O'Connor is at the present time Chairman of the Program Committee for the convention of the Society of Ex-Agents which is to meet in Chicago on November 12, 13, and 14, 1954. Mr. O'Connor came to present to me a formal invitation to attend the Convention even though I might be unable to remain long enough to make a speech. I told Mr. O'Connor that I had a commitment on the night of November 13, in Washington, D. C., which I had made some months ago and that it would be impossible, therefore, for me to attend the Convention at Chicago.

He asked whether I would have any objection to having a picture taken of him presenting the invitation to me in order that it might appear in the official organ of the Society of Ex-Agents. I told him I would not and arrangements were made for him to have the picture taken the following morning.

Mr. O'Connor discussed with me the desire of having the Society of Ex-Agents brought into closer contact with the Bureau. He stated that he and a number of others were hopeful that this might be brought about in the not too distant future.

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I told Mr. O'Connor that I believed there were several essential elements that he and his associates who were interested in improving the standard of the Society should keep in mind. I stated that first, they ought to select as members of the Society men who were still dedicated to the ideals of the Bureau, even though they had left active service in it. I also stated that I thought they must develop some screening process so as not to accept as members ex-Agents who had left the Bureau under a cloud or with a bad record, even though such Agents had been allowed to resign and were not dismissed with prejudice. I furthermore told Mr. O'Connor that I thought it was essential that the organization establish some kind of code of ethics so that its members would not commercially trade upon their former association with the Bureau and would, in principle at least, be dedicated to the motto of the Bureau - Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity.

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I indicated to Mr. O'Connor that certainly until these things were done, in my estimation there was little hope of the Society improving its standing or becoming in any way closely allied with the FBI.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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October 14, 1954

Mr. Daniel L. O'Connor

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This is in reference to your kind interest in having me speak at the convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated, in Chicago next November 11 through 14, as indicated in your letter dated October 12, with enclosure.

Upon checking my schedule I find that a prior commitment precludes my acceptance. In addition, I regret most sincerely that the exceedingly heavy pressure of official business confronting us here at the Bureau makes it impossible for me to designate one of my assistants to speak in my place. You will, I am sure, understand my position in this regard.

There is enclosed a copy of the photograph which we had taken today and which I have autographed to you. I am also enclosing a glossy copy of this photograph in accordance with your request.

Sincerely yours,

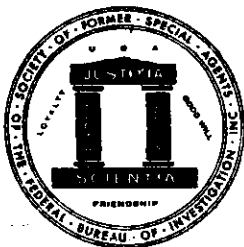
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NOTE: Mr. O'Connor called on 7-14-54 and spoke with Mr. Nichols, extending this invitation. Director noted on a memorandum of that date, "I couldn't do it if I wanted to because I have a commitment on 11-13 for Catholic University Banquet. H." Mr. Nichols has advised O'Connor on 10-14-54. Mr. O'Connor

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Address per prior correspondence and telephone directory.



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October 12, 1954

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Secret, former FBI Agent*

The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, whose membership now totals 2700, is having its first annual convention in Chicago November 11-14, 1954.

The entire membership has requested that I, as the General Chairman of the Convention, extend to you our most cordial invitation to be our guest of honor during the convention.

The members of the Society who will be in attendance at Chicago will consider it a great honor if you could attend this convention with them. In the event your schedule precludes your being in Chicago at this time, then we would appreciate your designating one of the Assistant Directors to act as your personal representative.

With all good wishes, I am

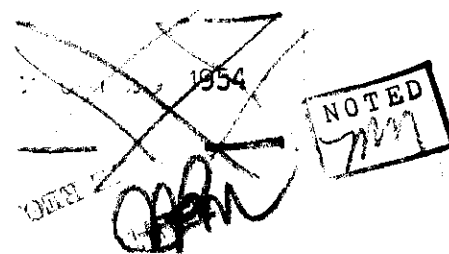
Cordially yours, 171

*Daniel L. O'Connor*

Daniel L. O'Connor  
General Chairman  
1954 National Convention Committee

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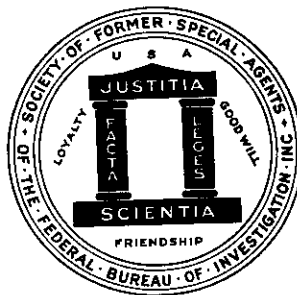




ADVANCE INFORMATION

*First*  
*National Convention*

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS  
of the  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INCORPORATED



Chicago, November 12-14, 1954  
Conrad Hilton Hotel

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## PURPOSE OF CONVENTION

Great strides have been made in recent years toward establishing the Society as a truly National organization. Our membership now numbers 2,500, with 35 Chapters throughout the country. The purposes of the First National Convention are:

*To firmly establish the National character of the Society.*

*To coordinate Chapter activities with the National program.*

*To dedicate the membership to the ideals and principles of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*To promote goodwill, loyalty and the bonds of friendship among members.*

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Early registration is essential. The program chairman must know the approximate attendance so that adequate facilities for meetings, luncheons, cocktail parties, etc. can be provided. Registration forms should be returned immediately.

Advance registration will assure proper listing in the Convention Directory of your name, business and Bureau service years. It will also permit pre-convention preparation of badges, programs and activity schedules.

The registration fee, which is chargeable to members only, will defray expenses incident to the convention.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Convention headquarters and all activities will take place at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Members may stay at a hotel of their choice, however, there is a definite advantage to having all members at the same hotel.

Hotel reservations for members and their families attending the convention are being handled through the Society's New York office. Reservations should be made at time your registration card is returned.

## TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

### Friday—November 12, 1954

12:00 noon Registration of members and their wives. Registration desk and reception room will be open until 6:00 o'clock p.m.

2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Delegates Conference — Samuel D'Anna, Jr., National Chapter chairman, presiding. Recognition of Chapter Delegates. Agenda. Chapter Organization. Proposed By-Laws and other preliminary business.

5:00 p.m. Reception and Cocktail Party. Members and wives will be guests of Chicago Chapter.

Evening Open for group reunion parties. Special arrangements may be requested by interested groups.

### Saturday—November 13, 1954

8:30 a.m. Delegates Breakfast. Meeting immediately following to conclude unfinished business. Samuel D'Anna, Jr., presiding.

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Membership Committee—William E. Bennett, Jr., presiding; assisted by Donald R. McVay.

Insurance Committee — Mortimer J. Davis, presiding; assisted by Charles H. Buresh, Jr.

Placement Committee — Harold M. Perry, presiding; assisted by George Stevens.

Public Relations Committee—D. Vincent Hurley, presiding; assisted by Eugene X. Humphreys.

Grapevine Committee — Gordon A. Philips, presiding.

11:00 a.m. 1955 National Convention Committee. Committee will receive proposals from Chapters seeking sponsorship of 1955 National Convention.

12:00 noon Luncheon—Accountants

Luncheon—Business Executives.

Luncheon—Lawyers

Luncheon—Security Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Industrial Relations Managers and Investigators.

Luncheon—Wives will attend a luncheon and Fashion Show at Marshall-Fields as guests of Chicago chapter wives.

2:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting—Robert M. Dore, National President, presiding.

Welcome Address.

Committee Reports.

General Business.

Announcement of 1955 convention city.

Election results and installation of new officers.

6:30 p.m. Reception for new officers—cocktails.

7:30 p.m. Banquet open to members wives, members and their guests—Dancing.

### Sunday—November 14, 1954

Morning Church Attendance.

1:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting and Closing.

Inquiries concerning the Convention should be directed to Daniel L. O'Connor, General Chairman, 1954 Convention, 1010 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All meetings and committee conferences are open to the general membership.

The work of the convention will be devoted to developing ways and means of coordinating chapter activities with the Society's national program.

### *Delegates*

Each chapter must designate from its membership an official representative to the convention. The chapter representative will participate in the Delegates Conference and will be recognized as the official delegate for his chapter.

Delegates should be prepared to discuss Chapter organization, proposed Chapter By-Laws and other problems affecting the National Organization.

Chapter Delegates should be authorized to speak for the Chapter and to make such recommendations as the Chapter feels will be of benefit to the Society.

### *Committee Representatives*

The Chapter chairmen will designate a representative to attend each of the following committee conferences at the convention:

- Membership Committee
- Insurance Committee
- Placement Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Grapevine Committee

The names of those designated to attend the committee conference must be forwarded to the Society's National Office by October 15, 1954.

### *Luncheons*

Luncheons scheduled for Saturday, November 13th, are for the purpose of permitting members in related fields of business to become better acquainted. Each luncheon is open to all members and you may select the group luncheon which you prefer to attend.

### *1955 Convention City*

Chapters desiring to have the Second Annual Convention in their city should be prepared to discuss this matter at the 1955 Convention Committee Meeting.

### *Social Program*

Members are encouraged to bring their wives to the convention. An interesting and entertaining program is being planned for the wives by the Chicago Chapter.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 12, 1954

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Former SA Dan O'Connor called requesting to see the Director for about five minutes today or tomorrow. He stated he imagined you knew that the Society of Former Agents is having a big convention in Chicago next November and he wishes to come down and extend the Director a formal invitation to this. Mr. O'Connor can be reached on Ex. 3-3595 and asked to be called.

Daniel L. O'Connor - former SA

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October 1, 1954

Mr. Robert M. Dore  
President  
Society of Former Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Hotel Roosevelt  
45th Street and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Dore:

Thank you very much for the copies of  
the September issue of "The Grapevine." I received  
them with your note of September 27, 1954, and I was  
happy to have the opportunity to see this issue.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Dore

He sends in copies of "The Grapevine" almost every month,  
and cordial acknowledgments are sent to him.

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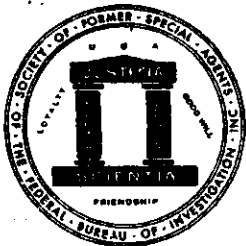
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September 27, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigations  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Inclosed please find copies of the Grapevine.

Trust you are enjoying good health. Kind regards.

Sincerely,

*Robert M. Dore*

Robert M. Dore,  
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*Society of Former FBI Agents*

**Carlson Elected Head  
Of Former FBI Agents**

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society of Former Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents elected new officers during a recent meeting.

The following officers were named: James A. Carlson, chairman; Frank J. Donaghy, vice chairman; Sidney A. Amur, treasurer and Samuel E. Riley, secretary.

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## Ex-FBI Agents Elect Officers

The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI Inc., has elected officers for 1955. Elected were James A. Carlson, chairman; Frank J. Donaghue, vice chairman; Sidney A. Amdur, treasurer; and Samuel G. Riley, secretary.

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*Society Former Special Agents of the  
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*Former G-Man William E. Sawyer, Johnson & Johnson's Merchandising Director, (left) discusses new promotional program with George F. Smith, company's President.*



SEPTEMBER, 1954

Society of Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Roosevelt Hotel, 45th and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

#### OFFICERS

Robert M. Dore	President
Thomas O. Davis	1st Vice President
William A. Costello	2nd Vice President
John A. Breen	3rd Vice President
George R. Blue	4th Vice President
A. Hale Watkins	Secretary
Eugene M. Ward	Treasurer

#### Executive Committee

Ralph F. Batch	Daniel L. O'Connor
Alfred B. Berry	Wm. James Rooney
William B. Moran	Richard H. Simons

#### Committee Chairmen

Samuel D'Anna, Jr.	Chapter
Gerard B. Tracy	Entertainment
William E. Bennett, Jr.	Membership
Mortimer J. Davis	Insurance
Harold M. Perry	Placement
D. Vincent Hurley	Public Relations



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## Needed Legislation

During the closing days of the last session of Congress, Senate Bill 3769 was passed by the Committee on the Judiciary and adopted by both Houses of Congress without the knowledge of the Society.

This bill provides that "whoever, except with the written permission of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, knowingly uses the words 'Federal Bureau of Investigation' or the initials 'F.B.I.', or any colorable imitation of such words or initials, in connection with any advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet or other publication, circular, book, pamphlet or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production, in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet or other publication . . . is approved, endorsed, or authorized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . ." shall be in violation of section 709 of title 18 of the U. S. Code.

Many members of the Society and its officers have read this act now that it is law and have written to the headquarters office to ascertain if the act applies to our fine organization. Informal discussions with the Bureau seem to indicate that the bill was not to apply to the Society but was deemed necessary to protect the alma mater from fast promoters and organizers who were trying to capture financial success based on the great reputation and character of the FBI.

For example, a gas station in the Midwest caused Washington and the Society concern. A filling station had "special agents" in uniforms labeled "FBI" to wait on gas customers. When asked what it meant, the filling station operators stated their "agents" were "Fan Belt Inspectors". Also, there is an insecticide on the market which uses the letters "FBI" on its can. Some folks with a food plan called themselves the "FBI", allegedly meaning Food Buying Insurance. Henceforth, this type of operation will have to be cleared with Director Hoover and his written permission obtained.

The above cases indicate precisely just why this bill was passed. Certainly, the act could not have been aimed at the Society whose loyal members have always held the Federal Bureau of Investigation in highest esteem and have always been ready to do their call for the Bureau and its Director. The membership of our organization has helped in a large measure to assist the FBI in developing through the years the splendid prestige the Bureau

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# Chicago Convention Interest Is Growing

## More Than 300 Reservations Have Been Made For Meetings Nov. 12 to 14

More than 300 reservations already have been made for the first annual National Convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

The three-day meetings will be held at the huge Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, on November 12, 13 and 14, with members of the Chicago Chapter of the Society as hosts. Daniel L. O'Connor of Washington, D. C., a member of the Society's Executive Committee, is general chairman for the convention. John F. Baker is chairman of the Chicago Chapter's planning committee.

Society President Robert M. Dore reports that additional reservations for the convention are arriving daily at Society Headquarters at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City.

All sections of the country are represented in the advance reservations, indicating that the choice of Chicago for this year's annual meeting of the Society is meeting with wide approval. Scores of members also have sent regrets at not being able to attend but at the same time applauding the plan to hold the convention in the Midwest.

### 1955 Convention City

One of the important actions to be taken at the Chicago Convention will be the selection of a convention city for 1955. Chapters wishing to be host to the 1955 convention have been advised to make their plans well in advance of the Chicago meetings so that the proposals may be acted upon by the 1955 National Convention Committee.

General Chairman O'Connor has been busy meeting with the Chicago convention planners. He has prepared an advance brochure on the convention which has been mailed to all Society members. The brochure lists the tentative convention program and also contains blanks which may be

used in making hotel reservations at the Conrad Hilton.

Two other mailings of convention material will be made to all members between now and convention time.

### Program for Ladies

Many members of the Society have written in to inquire whether special activities are being arranged at Chicago for wives of members. The answer, of course, is yes. The Chicago committee is making extensive preparations to entertain the ladies and is receiving the active assistance of the official Chicago Convention Bureau. One of the principal events, previously announced, is a luncheon and fashion show at Marshall Fields as guests of the Chicago Chapter wives.

Meanwhile, other preparations particularly those having to do with the speakers at the various dinners, are going forward. While no announcement can be made as yet, the committee declares that the speakers will be men of national and international stature. Chicago chairman Baker has informed Society headquarters that the Rt. Rev. James T. Hussey, S. J., president of Loyola University, Chicago, will deliver the invocation at the dinner on November 13.

### Reunion Parties

The opening night of the Convention on November 12 is being reserved for group reunion parties. Members who want to get together with their former FBI classmates should promote these meetings well in advance so that suitable dinner arrangements can be made.

Prior to these reunion dinners on November 12, the Chicago Chapter will entertain all delegates and their wives at a reception and cocktail party. This should be an affair that

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# Bill Sawyer Has Important Post At Johnson & Johnson

**Former G-Man Is Director Of Merchandising Services—Creates All Retail Drug Promotion For Company**

On a late Spring night back in 1941, William E. Sawyer was walking along the streets of New York City when he discovered a victim being "rolled" by a thug and was able to save him from further danger and loss of funds. To him, this is one favor that paid off in a big way because the victim suggested that Bill make application to the FBI for a position.

Our well known Society member applied, received the job, and was stationed as a Special Agent at Indianapolis, Cleveland and New York City from 1941 through 1945. He handled many important assignments during those days and soon became known to the internationally famous "house of drugs", Johnson & Johnson, who retained him in 1945 as their director of promotion.

## Interesting Background

Bill specialized in psychology at the University of Buffalo in 1934 and joined the General Electric Company right after graduation. In 1936, he was considered the youngest advertising and promotion executive in the company. Then came his Bureau appointment and his job with Johnson & Johnson.

At the present time, he is the director of merchandising services which means he is primarily responsible for the creation of promotions, advertising and both consumer and trade relation programs to augment the merchandising plans of the individual product divisions of the company. To the average man, this sounds like a tough post. But to Bill Sawyer, it just seems to come naturally.

He has had years of experience in newspaper and magazine writing and editing, speaking, selling, advertising, show business, radio, motion pictures, public relations and the like. Often, he is given special assignments by the top executives of Johnson & Johnson and its affiliated companies.



William E. Sawyer

Last year his office culminated six years of research into the revolutionary changes of retail buying habits resulting from the development of the supermarket, and released a half million dollar program for the drug trade entitled "Design for Selling". Parts of his educational program produced only for the purpose of raising the standard of retail merchandising throughout the drug trade is being used in several different industries.

## Produced Two Pictures

While doing this work, Bill found time to produce two motion pictures. He rewrote one picture called "Sell as Customers Like It" and had it published as a text book which is being used by both school and business organizations in America and abroad. The motion picture part of his job gives him the opportunity to meet some of the glamorous stars of the screen, and good looking Bill can

## Society Member Plans Motion Picture



All eyes are on Bill Sawyer, second from left, as he gives last minute instructions to movie actors and crew as he prepares to shoot a scene for "Design for Selling" at Johnson & Johnson.

double as a leading man for any of the Hollywoodites.

Interestingly enough, the former G-Man's interest in retail merchandising started at the age of 15 when he worked in retail stores and hotels in order to pay for his college education. He continued his preparation in college, having engaged in almost every extra curricular activity the school offered. He graduated with five honor keys to his credit, one for being the first freshman in the history of the University of Buffalo to win the varsity debating key.

In addition to editing the college year book, magazine and weekly newspaper, he also earned money directing plays for civic and church organizations and coached in a professional radio school.

He holds membership in the New Jersey Advertising Club, New York Sales Executive Club, Association of National Advertisers and is a director of the Point of Purchase Advertising Institute.

Bill resides with his family at 1542 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey when not off on a speaking engagement or promotional trip for his company.

The Grapevine salutes our cover man for this month, and we are proud of the fact he is helping to develop a better United States by making free enterprise work in the every day life through honest promotion and salesmanship.

### Long Distance Mover

When X-Agent Robert M. Kane changes his address, he really moves. He used to practice law with offices at 1530 City National Bank Building at Omaha, Nebraska.

Now he's a member of the law firm of Conrad & Kane with offices at 612 Rust Building, Tacoma, Washington.

# Polish Patriot Speaker Before Society Sept. 20

## Korbonski To Tell What Goes On Behind Iron Curtain in Poland

The third quarterly dinner meeting of the National Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, on Monday night, September 20.

Highlighting the meeting will be an address by Stefan Korbonski, a leader of the Polish underground during World War II and later head of the Polish Peasant Party and a member of the Polish Parliament. In 1947, when Russian agents were closing in on him because of his anti-Soviet activities, Korbonski and his wife escaped by way of Sweden. He is now in the U. S. and is presently chairman of the Polish Political Council Working Committee.

Korbonski will recount many of the hair-raising experiences which he had from the time of the Nazi invasion of Poland until the time he became a marked man of the Soviets. The recent defection of the West German intelligence chief to the Russians will be one of the many points Korbonski will cover in his talk.

Following his address, he will answer questions from the floor.

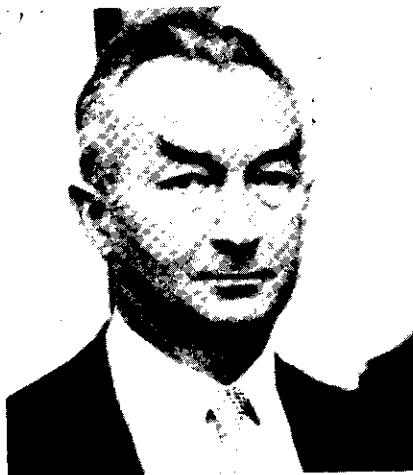
This timely address was arranged by Society member Thomas E. Myers, a member of the Entertainment Committee and director of personnel for the Free Europe Committee.

President Robert M. Dore will be in charge and will announce the latest plans for the national convention at Chicago in November.

The meeting is a "must" for all members residing in the New York area and for all other former Special Agents who will be in New York at that time.

## Opens Law Office

Paul K. Pinkerton (1942-48), has started the general practice of law with an office at 215 Commerce Building, St. Paul, Minn.



Stefan Korbonski

## Colorado Members In Insurance Firm

Three former Special Agents of the FBI are associated as officers and directors of an insurance company established two years ago in Denver, Colo.

The company is the Aegis Casualty Insurance Company, with headquarters at 621 Kittredge Building, Denver.

Russel P. Kramer of 443 South Race Street, is president of the company. William F. Bugas of 521 South Whitcomb Street, Fort Collins, Colo., is secretary of the company and H. Harold Calkins of 2439 South Dahlia Lane, Denver, is a director. Kramer served longest in the Bureau, from 1934 to 1951. Bugas was with the Bureau for seven years from 1940 to 1947, while Calkins, an attorney, also was a Special Agent from 1940-47.

The Aegis Company is one of the newer Colorado corporations and has been specializing in writing automobile coverage.



## *X-Agent District Chief for Air Force*



This picture should be of interest to many members of the Society. It was snapped at Denver at a recent FBI luncheon to which the various peace officers of Colorado were invited. In uniform, seated in the center of the group at the table is Colonel Leroy H. "Cap" Barnard, who served in the Bureau from 1936 to 1947 and who is now commander of the 14th District Office of Special Investigations, Lowry Air Force Base at Denver. Shown at the left of "Cap" Barnard is Lee Teague, an oldtimer in the Bureau who is still assigned to the Denver Office, and at the right is Earl Schoel, Agent in Charge of the U. S. Secret Service at Denver.

Standing immediately in back of the group at the table are X-SA Bill Gallemore (1946-48) who is now working for Colonel Barnard as Chief of the General Investigations Division of the 14th District, while the gentleman who has his back turned to the camera is X-SA Robert J. Main, (1937-45) who is Chief of the False Claims Division of the 14th District.

Colonel Barnard reports that there are four X-SAs in the 14th District. He is the only one in military service and the fourth man, not present when the picture was snapped, is Charles Eiring, (1941-51) who is assisting Bob Main in "rounding up the lads who put in claims they shouldn't ought to!" The geographical area covered by the 14th District OSI is similar to that covered by the Denver Office of the Bureau, namely Colorado and Wyoming. With the photo, "Cap" Barnard sends his greetings to all his friends in the Society.

### **Fleming is With Florida Law Examiners Board**

One of the newer members of the Society is Philip J. Fleming who is now executive secretary of the State Board of Law Examiners of Florida.

Fleming has his headquarters at the Supreme Court Building at Tallahassee, Florida's capital city.

In recent years, a large number of former Special Agents have chosen various cities in Florida in which to practice law.

### **Moves to North Dakota**

Attorney Virgil J. Wolfe (1934-41) who formerly resided at Carroll, Iowa, is now making his home at 410 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, N. D. He has offices on the 17th floor of the State Capitol Building at Bismark, N. D.

### **Tom Ryan Moves**

Thomas J. Ryan has moved his law offices to 600 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

## President's Report



By **BOB DORE**

The forthcoming First Annual Convention of the Society is the hot news at this time, and every day the convention fever is getting hotter and hotter. If you only had the opportunity to read the mail that comes to the office every day, you'd quickly sense some of the Convention excitement that's been generated around the country. Quotes from some of the letters are being printed elsewhere in this issue and they wouldn't be repeated here, but the letters are coming from every section of the land. Interestingly enough the responses are coming from every state in proportion to the number of our members in the state.

It's two and a half months before convention time and over three hundred members have already reported that they'll be at the convention. We expect at least six hundred members at the convention, and probably more. If you haven't already let us know whether or not you will be there, take a few minutes off right now and drop us a note.

### O'Connor Is Happy

Dan O'Connor the National Convention Chairman is doing a wonderful job, and from what we see of his activities, we wonder if he ever has time for his own clients. I guess he does as he still looks quite happy.

The next dinner of the Society, which is really a pre-Convention dinner will take place at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City on September 20th, from 6:00 P.M. on. The hotel promised us a few extra special touches that evening to add to the festivities. A deluxe roast beef dinner will be served in the Grand Ball Room, and the tables will be arranged in a huge horseshoe effect, with a few of the Roosevelt luxury touches added.

Stefan Korbonski, former chief of police of the Polish underground who is in great demand as a speaker, will

be our guest and we were lucky to secure his services. By the way for the edification of our members who haven't had the opportunity to visit our quarterly meetings in New York, we'd like you to know that those dinners and all of the expenses involved are paid for from the income from the dinners, and none of the expenses are ever taken over by the Society. There's a special banquet fund that now has a balance of \$60.00. Any money left over after a dinner goes into the fund, and any deficit comes from the banquet fund. Try to be around New York on September 20th, as Danny O'Connor, National Convention Chairman will unfold all of the details of the Convention.

### Society's Merit Award

There's been talk of the granting of an award at the Convention to the member of our organization who has done most for the Society. The authorization for the issuance of this award will be requested from the Executive Committee at its next meeting, and we're now casting around for a candidate. Who do you think has done the most for this Society during the past year? Count me out as I'm not a candidate, but consider the eligibility of every other member of our Society. Then let's have your candidate. Our decision will be a reiteration of your aggregate choice as expressed in your letters.

Let's have those letters and let us know who you think should be granted the award. Your assistance in helping us find the candidate for this award is necessary as we want everyone of you to become active in the Society and take part in some of its policy making decisions.

My term as president will soon expire and the newly elected president will take over the night of the Convention. That brings up the forthcoming elections. In the next month or so you will be called upon to vote for a

## Society's Leaders Hold Conference



President Bob Dore, left, is seen greeting Vice President Tom Davis of Decatur, Georgia, recently as the top leaders of the Society prepared to confer on the First Annual Convention to be held at Chicago the week-end of November 12th. Davis assured Dore that many Southern members would be present.

new slate of officers for the next year. Give your choice a great deal of thought as the progress of the Society will depend on the newly elected officers. Accompanying the ballot will be a booklet containing the biographical sketches of the candidates. Read that booklet carefully, discuss your choice with other members in your area, and then vote for the men who you think will pitch in to make this organization grow in stature.

### Vote for Dues Increase

You'll also be asked for an increase in dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The executive committee has spent several months evaluating our financial situation and finally unanimously agreed that the continued growth of our organization warrants an increase in dues. We've cut every possible expense. If you've noticed we're not even sending out our mail first class any more. We're sending mail out third class with a mailing permit. That change cut our postage cost in half, and saved the Society more than \$1000.00. Nevertheless we still need that increase. We want to continue to publish a better Grapevine, provide

more funds for the chapter growth, set up regional programs in areas where we haven't chapters, and finance many other projects to make our organization an important part of our daily lives. Vote for the increase when it comes your way.

The summer went fast, and soon we'll be missing those long summer days. . . . the best time of the year in my opinion. I hope all of you had enough recreation and plenty of tennis and golf. Everybody looks so healthy . . . most everybody has had a vacation. Lots of luck to all of you for the coming months . . . and by the way, whatever happened to the golf tournament, or golf outings that I proposed in this column way back last spring. If you do get one of them started, send me an invitation.

### He's On His Own Now

Society member Buck W. McNeil of Lubbock, Texas, formerly a member of the law firm of Burks & McNeil, is now practicing alone under his name. He has offices at 1209½ Broadway, Lubbock.

# Getting Out Membership Directory Is No Easy Job

**We Try to Be Accurate But Errors Sometimes Occur to Plague Us—We Put Bruce Lynn In Tunnel Instead of a Building**

Getting out the Society's annual Membership Directory is no easy job, as Office Secretary Fran Keogh has told you in her entertaining column.

Errors are bound to occur, no matter how careful you are, and it makes you look with a bit more respect and admiration at the people who put out the errorless telephone directories all over the country. We don't have to remind you, however, that the telephone directory people have whopping big staffs to handle the work and they have a lot more control over their listings than does our meager Society staff over the Society Directory.

When a telephone subscriber moves, the telephone people know about it in advance.

When our Society members move, we have no way of knowing about it unless you tell us.

Even a telephone directory is often out-of-date in many respects by the time it is distributed.

That's the way it was with our 1954 Society Directory. So many members had changed jobs or had moved into new homes that the changes just couldn't be made or they reached us too late. You have to set a deadline on a thing like this, even though we were unavoidably later than usual in getting the book out.

## Did Wrong By Bruce Lynn

Of course, the Society staff pleads guilty to having made some errors, also. Take our old friend, Bruce G. Lynn, out there in Columbus, Ohio. Did we do him dirt! Here's the letter Society headquarters received from him the other day:

Thank you for the 1954 edition of the Membership Directory.

There is just one slight correction which I feel should be brought to your attention. It is true that I was in the Bureau from 1943 to 1945, that my residence address is 2251 Oxford Road, and that I am associated with the firm of Porter, Stanley, Treffinger & Platt. However, our offices are in a building; as a matter of fact, on the

20th floor, and not in the Lincoln Tunnel as stated by you in the Directory!

After all, people might get the idea that I am doing some sort of underground work with such a listing. As a matter of fact, if you will send me a self-addressed and stamped envelope, I will quote to you in detail the remarks already directed my way by some of my more humorous friends.

When the next issue of the Directory is printed, please show that I work in a building like other lawyers, and make it read LeVeque Lincoln Tower.

The Society's office staff extends its apologies, Bruce, and we hope that you X-FBI wags will cut out needling him. Either the Directory printer couldn't read Fran Keogh's writing or else he must use the Lincoln Tunnel between New Jersey and New York every day and it influenced him in setting the line and then escaped the attention of the proofreaders.

## Other Changes

There were several other changes of address or corrections which have been called to the attention of Society headquarters since the 1954 Directory was distributed. We list them as follows:

Peter A. Ribar, attorney at law, reports that his correct addresses should be: Residence, Box 789, 106 Diablo Drive, Kentfield, Calif. Business, 821 Market Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

Wendell V. Sweet says he no longer should be listed as a manufacturer's representative but is now an investigator and is an officer with Research Associates, Inc., 415 Hanna Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Royce B. Thompson (1941-1951), Residence, 1014 Woodland Drive, Palestine, Texas; Business, Attorney and manager of Cartmell Home for Aged & Orphans, Box 366, Palestine, Texas.

Kenneth M. Bierly (1940-46) who is engaged in research, reports his address is 1098 West Avenue, (not 848) Springfield, Pa. Outside of this change, he thinks the new Directory is a lot more readable than the old.

William P. Kosterman reports that we forgot to list him at all. Please note that his residence address is 7319 Forest Road, Kent Village, Hyattsville, Maryland. Sorry, Bill.

Mortimer Copeland wants his listing to read: Residence, Nightingale Avenue, Massena, N. Y.; Business, Massena Oil Terminal, St. Lawrence River Road, Box 307, Massena, N. Y.

Earl Hightower should be listed as: Residence

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# Have You Joined Insurance Plan?

**Chairman Davis Reminds You That It's Biggest  
Buy Anywhere—\$5,000 For \$50 a Year**

Are you a member of the Society's Insurance Plan?

If not, why not?

It's the biggest buy in insurance that can be found anywhere. For \$50 a year, a member receives \$5,000 coverage. It's a wonderful opportunity to create an additional estate at low cost. Nowhere in the country can you obtain insurance at a more reasonable rate.

Insurance Chairman Mortimer J. Davis is working hard these days trying to enroll all members of the Society in the Insurance Plan.

He points out that new members may join the Insurance Plan without the necessity of taking a physical examination. The insurance premium may be paid for six month periods at a cost of \$25.50 for the half year,

or for the complete year at a cost of \$50.

All of us hope our careers will continue for many years to come. But unfortunately, accident or illness has taken a number of our members in the past year. The families of those covered by our Insurance Plan were grateful for the \$5,000 checks which came at a time of great need. Unfortunately, some of those who passed on were not members of the Insurance Plan and their surviving families were hard-pressed in some instances.

Why put off joining the Insurance Plan? Send for an application blank now. Merely write to the Insurance Committee at Society Headquarters, Room 2000, Hotel Roosevelt, New York 17, N. Y.

## Letters From Grapevine Readers

I wish to congratulate you upon the splendid new issues of The Grapevine.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that Russ Eberstein whose picture appears on Page 12 of the March issue is not "deceased" but is very much alive and kicking, residing at Spokane, Wash. Russ retired from the Bureau approximately five years ago and spends his time hunting and fishing.

Recently Jerry Pennington, comptroller of the Seattle Times, stopped at my home enroute to Pullman, Wash., where he was one of the featured speakers at the Northwest Bankers Conference. My banking friends report that Jerry did a bangup job at the conference, giving a very interesting speech on embezzlement.

Henry E. Savage,  
Colfax, Washington

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I feel it would not be amiss to tell you of the very favorable reaction here in the Midwest to the "new look" of the Society since the present administration took over. The format and content of The Grapevine are particularly effective and will certainly tend to link the membership closer together nationally, in drawing on the wealth of interesting past experiences and present accomplishments of X-Agents. It is apparent that the organization, after a typically precarious fledgling existence, is coming of age and the future prospects are indeed promising. Keep up the good work.

Paul J. Hayes,  
Elmhurst, Illinois

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Recent issues of The Grapevine have been excellent. I enjoy the Secretary's Page.

Bert J. Landree,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

I want to extend my congratulations to Bob Dore on a successful administration and to the editors of The Grapevine for an excellent publication. And I would like to nominate Miss Fran Keogh as the unsung heroine of 1954.

Henry M. Biglan,  
Scranton, Pa.

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I want to let you know that I enjoyed the article Tom McDade had in a recent issue about his training class of 1934. I was about two classes ahead of him but knew practically everybody mentioned in his article. As a matter of fact, practically my first assignment was the applicant investigation of Mike Cassidy. I had the pleasure of working with Mike in Syracuse, where his ability to speak Yiddish was a big help. I was under the impression he had resigned some time ago. I wonder if my information was wrong, or did he rejoin the Bureau sometime later?

Please pass on to Tom McDade my sincere thanks for his very interesting article. I only wish that my group had a historian as good.

Leonard L. Juskow,  
Central Knitwear Inc.,  
New York, N. Y.

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Sorry I neglected to notify you that on March 1 I changed my business address to 832 Western Saving Fund Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

My congratulations to all responsible for the excellent progress made in the administration of Society affairs. I would especially like to add my comments to those who express admiration for the job being done by the editors of the Grapevine. Technically and from the standpoint

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# Hearing at St. Paul Brings Reunion of Former Agents

## Society Members Testify on Capture of Volney Davis, Member of Barker-Karpis Gang

An unusual gathering of former Special Agents of the FBI took place during July at St. Paul, Minn.

The occasion for the "roundup" was a Federal Court hearing at St. Paul in which Volney Davis, 521, Barker-Karpis gang associate now serving a life term for his part in the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, sought a reversal of his sentence.

Davis claimed he was denied his constitutional rights when was sentenced to the life term in June, 1935. Now at the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kas., Davis, acting as his own attorney, successfully pushed through the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, an application for a writ of habeas corpus challenging the legality of his sentence. He was returned to St. Paul for the hearing where he said he had been denied the right to confer with a lawyer before entering his plea of guilty. He also said that he was held incommunicado while in the custody of the FBI.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce of St. Paul who originally sentenced Davis, last year rejected his petition for the writ. Davis then appealed to the Circuit Court which over-ruled Judge Joyce by holding that the prisoner was at least entitled to a hearing.

Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye of Minneapolis, senior judge of the Minnesota Federal Court District, conducted the hearings. Judge Joyce was one of the witnesses.

To oppose Davis' bid for freedom, the Government brought to St. Paul all Agents and former Special Agents of the FBI who had a part in the capture and subsequent questioning of the prisoner. Each of the X-Agents testified that Davis had been denied none of his constitutional rights. An unusual circumstance was that practically all of the men who figured in the case nearly 20 years ago are still

living and were on hand for the hearing.

### Purvis Headed Group

Among them was Melvin Purvis, now of Florence, S. C. where he operates a radio station. Purvis was SAC of the Chicago Bureau Office when Davis was captured outside the Chicago apartment house of one of Davis' girl friends.

During his Chicago service Purvis also directed the capture of such notorious hoodlums as John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Baby Face Nelson.

Another witness at the St. Paul hearing was Raymond C. Suran of San Diego, Calif., who made the actual capture of Davis.

Other X-Agents called to St. Paul included Maxwell Chaffetz of Philadelphia, now a Reading, Pa. pretzel manufacturer; Harold A. Martin, now of the Jacksonville, Fla., Chamber of Commerce; Frank M. Headley, now a New York City advertising man; Raymond Stewart; also Michael J. Cassidy, agent at Santa Rosa, Calif.; Earl H. Williams, agent at West Des Moines, Iowa; Harold Anderson of Los Angeles who was in charge of the St. Paul Office at the time; John E. Brannan, and others.

### Studied Law in Prison

Davis had plenty of time to prepare for the St. Paul hearing. While he was at Alcatraz prison more than a decade ago, he began to study law. Although he had only a third grade education, the confessed kidnaper spent all his spare time in the prison law library where he searched the statutes and common law for a legal loophole. He continued the search after he was transferred to Leavenworth and thinks that his present action is the answer to his quest. He hoped, through the habeas corpus hearing, to obtain a reversal of his sentence and a new trial.

## Former Agents Meet at St. Paul



Several former Special Agents had a reunion at St. Paul a few weeks ago when they were called to testify at a Federal Court hearing there. Among them were the five pictured above during one of their lunch-on meetings at the St. Paul Hotel. From left to right they are: Frank E. Headley, Harold Martin, Maxwell Chaffez, Raymond Stewart and Melvin Purvis.

## Former Agent Named Texas District Judge

Former FBI Agent Jim C. Langdon of McCamey, Upton County, Texas, was recently appointed as judge of the 112th District Court of Texas.

Thirty-nine years old and an attorney, Jim is the second member of his family to become a judge. His brother, Jack M. Langdon of Fort Worth, is judge of the 17th District Court of Texas. Another brother, Charles Langdon, is an attorney with an oil company in Midland, Texas.

Jim was graduated from the law school of the University of Texas. He is a native of Stephenville and spent his boyhood there and at Cleburne. He served in the FBI from 1940 to 1943 and was assigned to offices in the U. S. and South America. In 1943 he obtained leave from the FBI to enter the Navy and saw action in the Pacific theater.

The new judge is married and has four sons. He has been active in his home community as a member of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He has been city attorney of McCamey for the past five years.

## Changes of Address

ROBERT McMAHON, from 8342 Kendale Road, Towson, Md., to Hughes Aircraft Company, Department 23, Culver City, Calif.

JOHN D. NOBLE JR., from 1028 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., to Apartment 323, 2500 Que Street, NW, Washington 7, D. C.

GEORGE A. FREEMAN, now Chief Staff Investigator for the Attorney General of Missouri, P. O. Box 899, Jefferson City, Mo.

CHARLES J. HOLMES, from 37 Lincoln Avenue, Glens Falls, N. Y., to 18 Pleininger Strasse, Frankfurt, Germany.

GEORGE H. HARVEY, from Tallahassee, Fla., to 849-850 Ingraham Building, Miami 32, Fla.

R. TERENCE McSWEENEY, formerly of Brattleboro, Vermont, now residing at 19755 James Couzens Highway, Detroit 35, Mich.

JOHN J. FRANK, counsellor at law, has changed his office address to 1017 Woodward Building, 733 15th Street N.W., Washington, D. C.

## **Brendan P. Battle Co-Authors Book On Arson Investigating**

**Society Member Expert  
In Field—Works With  
Bruce Bielaski**

Society member Brendan P. Battle (1941-44) has been receiving wide commendation recently as the co-author of a new book entitled "Arson."

The volume is a handbook explaining the best means of detecting and investigating arson cases and is believed to be the only book of its kind in the field.

Battle wrote the book in conjunction with Paul B. Weston, an arson expert of the New York City Police Department. Brendan also is an expert in the field since he is a member of A. Bruce Bielaski's Arson Department at the National Board of Fire Underwriters in New York.

As a special agent for the Fire Underwriters, Battle's duties are to "aid public authorities in the investigation of criminal cases arising out of fraudulent or incendiary fires."

Former G-Man Battle's name and his background seem to be synonymous. He's been battling his way through many a tough situation for years. He was an outstanding football player with Manhattan College, class of 1933 and then he coached there for seven years as an assistant to Chick Meehan and Herb Kopf. From there he joined the Bureau and served in the Newark, Richmond, Buffalo and New York City Offices. He was the first agent assigned to the notorious "Amerasia" case and was instrumental in exposing the activities of this group of operatives. Battle joined the National Board of Fire Underwriters in 1945.

The new book shows exactly how the arsonist works and how to apprehend him. There are way of recognizing the work and actions of fire-setters, the book points out, and there are successful techniques that can be used in tracing the source of a fire. Also, there are means of obtaining a successful prosecution, it adds.



**Brendan P. Battle**

Chapters in the book deal with such subjects as Suspicious Fires, Touch Offs, Alibis, Fires for Profit, Hate as a Basic Motive, Pyros, Crime and Arson, Basic Lines of Inquiry, the Fire Scene, Interviews and Interrogations, Evidence, Preparation of the Case, Arson Rings, and Responsibility for Recognizing Arson.

### **Freeman Staff Chief For Attorney General**

George A. Freeman (1942-49) who used to operate the Freeman Paint Company at Kennett, Mo., reports that for the past year he has been Chief Staff Investigator for the Attorney General of Missouri. His residential address remains at 305 East Washington Avenue, Kennett, Mo., but his business address is now P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City, Mo. George sends his congratulations on The Grapevine's improvement and also sends his regrets that he will be unable to attend the Chicago Convention.



## ***Carlson Named To High Office With Westinghouse Air Brake***

**Former Bureau Inspector  
Asst. Vice President  
For Sales Division**

Outstanding recognition came to another member of the Society during the past few months when James A. Carlson (1940-51) was appointed Assistant Vice President for Sales Coordination of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The appointment was announced by Edward O. Boshell, President and Chairman of the Board of the Company.

Jim joined the Westinghouse Air Brake Company in 1951 following his resignation from the Bureau and took over the assignment of Assistant to the President.

Society member Carlson graduated from Knox College in 1928 and from Northwestern University Law School in 1931. He practiced law in Chicago for several years and then became Professor of Law and later Dean of the Baylor University Law School at Waco, Texas.

He entered the Bureau on August 14, 1940 and following his indoctrination at the FBI Training School, was first assigned to Newark, N. J. After three months, he was transferred to the Kansas City office where he worked on general assignments until September, 1941 when he was assigned to Washington in the Training and Inspection Division.

This was during the period of rapid expansion of the FBI and Jim served largely as instructor in the Training Schools for new agents, in-service agents and National Academy men. He taught practically all the courses in the Manual of Instruction and developed a number of lectures on evidence and Constitutional law.

In 1945 Jim was transferred to a number of special inspection assignments and in 1947 was named an FBI Inspector. During 1949 and 1950 was assistant to Assistant Director Tolson. His resignation from the Bureau was effective April 13, 1951.

Jim's record with Westinghouse



**James A. Carlson**

during the past three years has been a distinguished one and the Grapevine extends its congratulations on his recent advancement.

### ***Legal Fraternity Honors McCormack***

Dwight L. McCormack (1929-44), a Dallas, Tex., attorney, was honored recently by being initiated into honorary membership in Phi Delta Phi, international legal fraternity.

The ceremonies took place at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C. with several members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the U. S. Congress in attendance. At the same exercises, Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, and Judge Miller of the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, also were initiated to honorary membership.

McCormack entered the FBI in 1929 following his graduation from George Washington University. During his 15 years of service with the Bureau, he was a member of the famed FBI kidnap detail in the 1930s. He makes his home at 4320 Larchmont Avenue, Dallas.

## Convention Reservations

Reservations for the coming Chicago Convention of the Society are coming in fast. All sections of the country are represented.

So that you'll know just how many of your friends are planning to be there, the Grapevine will publish as many names as possible in this and next month's issues of those who to date have signified their intention of attending. The names are listed alphabetically.

Wade H. Alley, Dayton, O.; H. Frank Angell, Hollywood, Calif.; Ross Arnold, Atlanta, Ga.; Judd A. Austin, Mexico; Joseph E. Bayliss, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

James W. Beless Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah; John W. Bellamy, Petoskey, Mich.; Elwyn B. Bensene, Union Grove, Wis.; Albert G. Berens, Rochester, Minn.; S. J. Beyhan, Baltimore, Md.; Richard B. Bielski, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Ray W. Biondi, Allentown, Pa.; Ward Boston, San Diego, Calif.; W. C. Brann, John A. Breen, Chicago, Ill.; C. S. Breese Jr., Bellaire, Tex.; James Bunker, San Diego, Calif.; Elmer L. Burgeson, Des Moines, Iowa; David E. Burgess, Detroit, Mich.

R. E. Cahill, Detroit; G. A. Callahan, Boston; H. Murray Campbell, Cadillac, Mich.; Leslie D. Carter, Omaha; F. E. Chalkley, Carrollton, Ga.; Brantly P. Chappell, Onamia, Minn.; Robert E. Chasen, New York City; Phillip V. Christenson, Provo, Utah; V. R. Clary, Akron, O.; Stanley J. Collins, William I. Conway, Chicago; Eugene Coombs, Wichita, Kas.; Eugene J. Cronin, Menlo Park, Calif.; Walter Crow, Detroit; Louis W. Cunningham, Rockville, Md.

William C. Dannevik Jr., Kansas City, Mo.; Paul F. Davidson, Kankakee, Ill.; Mortimer J. Davis, New York City; G. William Depler, Shelby, O.; Milton B. Dickerson, East Lansing, Mich.; Don W. Dodge, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Joseph F. Doherty, Robert M. Dore, New York City; Glen R. Domfield, Minneapolis, Minn.; Emmett P. Dowling Jr., Chicago.

Russell R. Farrell, San Diego, Calif.; Hubert H. Finzel, Washington, D. C.; James A. Fitzpatrick, Water-

town, Wis.; Robert H. Flatley, Green Bay, Wis.; Dudley C. Foley Jr., New Orleans; Fred V. Forbing, Fort Wayne, Ind.; R. A. Frink, Chicago; Dwight F. Gallivan, Bluffton, Ind.

J. B. Garbutt, Westlake, O.; Joseph P. Garvey, New York City; Lawrence P. Gherty, Hudson, Wis.; John D. Gill, Omaha; Gordon Grantham, Jackson, Miss.; R. J. Guyton, Pittsburgh.

J. Gareth Hitchcock, Pittsburgh; William K. Hamilton, Bluffton, Ind.; Paul Hansen, Louisville, Ky.; William H. Harper, Shaker Heights, O.; Gerald F. Harrington, West Des Moines, Iowa; Harry J. Hayes, Milwaukee, Wis.; Paul J. Hayes, Lemont, Ill.; J. Earl Hecker, Cleveland Heights, O.; Everett Henthorn, South Bend, Ind.; James K. Hoefling, Dayton, O.; John E. Holmes, Detroit; A. G. Holtkamp, St. Louis; Philip Honnold, Oklahoma City; Harold E. Hunsberger, Traverse City, Mich.

Stephen E. Janas, A. H. Johnson, Chicago; Donworth Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex.; Robert G. Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Tex.; Robert E. Jones, Las Vegas, Nev.; Robert E. Joseph, San Antonio, Tex.; Harold Judell, New Orleans.

A. V. Karcher, Big Spring, Tex.; Milton W. Keefer, Las Vegas, Nev.; Carl King, Tulsa, Okla.; R. L. King, St. Louis; Theodore Kirkpatrick, Coal Valley, Ill.; Nathaniel J. Klein, Miami Beach, Fla.; John C. Klotter, Frankfort, Ky.; Frederick P. Kopp, Columbus, O.

A. E. Larsen, New York City; H. Bemis Lawrence, Louisville; John E. Leach, Buffalo, N. Y.; Donald J. Leyden, St. Paul, Minn.; J. D. Lockrem, Chicago; Richard W. Looie, Wyandotte, Mich.; John T. Lynch, Detroit.

James M. McInerney, Washington, D. C.; Richard M. McMahon, Davenport, Iowa; Roger L. Main, Jacksonville, Fla.; James J. Maloney, Houston, Tex.; John L. Martin, Waynesboro, Pa.; Frank V. Martinek, Chicago; Robert E. May, Chicago; Earl N. Merwin, Columbus, O.; James J. Metcalfe, Dallas, Tex.; Blake I. Mohny, Adrian, Mich.; R. W. Mohrman, Chicago; Pat-

## Scene of Chicago Convention



Here is an excellent aerial view of the Conrad Hilton, the world's largest hotel, which will be the scene of the 1954 Convention of the National Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

rick J. Morrow, Onawa, Iowa; John L. Mowry, Marshalltown, Iowa; Samuel B. Murphy, St. Louis; John E. Mewby Jr., La Porte, Ind.

Charles M. Nilson, Genoa, Ill.

Walter L. Oblinger, Springfield, Ill.; Don Owens, Memphis, Tenn.

George T. Parrish, Omaha; Forrest C. Pendleton, New Orleans; W. J. Pennington, Seattle, Wash.; George Pepple, Goshen, Ind.; Nelson Perry,

Louisville; Phil Perry, Boston; Elmo Petersen, Waukegan, Ill.; Paul Plunkett, Chicago; Robert C. Pruyn, Indianapolis, Ind.

William J. Quinn, Chicago; Robert J. Quirk, Kansas City.

Robert G. Reed, Kansas City; Clifford Reeve, Birmingham, Ala.; John W. Reindl, Menominee, Mich.; Robert H. Reno, Concord, N. H.; V. L. Ritter,

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## Bill Lambie Helps Recruit Member For the Society

When members of the Society get around they always turn up with some interesting information, if not about themselves, then about some other former Agents.

To show what we mean, here's a letter from X-SA William K. Lambie Jr., of Springer-Lambie Company, 203 Presbyterian Building, Nashville, Tenn.:

"While visiting this week in Pittsburgh, I had occasion to talk to SA I. Leo Wilson of the Pittsburgh Office. Lee was in my class at Training School in 1950 and he told me that he had submitted his resignation effective Friday, May 28, 1953. He is going to Oklahoma City where he has accepted a job with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Corporation.

"Of course, I told him about the Society and he was very much interested. Lee is a CPA and has been in the Bureau as a Special Agent (A) since August 20, 1950.

"Incidentally, for your records, the letterhead shows my business address. This is a corporation engaged in the general insurance business, of which I am the treasurer and a director. The titles sound a great deal more imposing than the facts warrant. I am very much enjoying the 'new' Grapevine and want to congratulate its editors on a fine job."

## Fisher Expands Law Practice In Florida

Society member Robert W. Fisher, (1941-46) who has been practicing law at St. Petersburg, Fla., for the past eight years, announces he has taken a former Special Agent John A. Hanley (1940-54) into his office as an associate. The latter for seven years was Resident Agent at St. Petersburg. Prior to that he was assigned to the Buffalo, Baltimore, New York and Miami offices of the Bureau. Hanley is married and has two daughters and twin sons.

X-SA Fisher during the past eight years has been active in many civic affairs at St. Petersburg and presently is serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce there.

## Webb Named Executive Of \$50,000,000 Company

Tom Webb, former FBI firearms instructor at Quantico, was recently appointed vice president of the Tecon Corporation of Texas, it was announced in Dallas by Clinton W. Murchison.

This new position places Tommy in a top executive post with Murchison's 50-million-dollar company. He has previously represented the Dallas millionaire's interests in Washington and the East.



Many members of the Society will recall those happy days at Quantico when Webb would teach the green agents how to shoot the PPC courses and handle the sawed off shotgun. Tom was with the Bureau for 15 years after being a star footballer at the University of Maryland.

He lives with his wife and five children at 4526 Hawthorne Street N.W., and is associated with X-Agent Grant Stetter in the practice of law at 1757 K Street N.W., Washington.

He is on the board of directors of the famed Touchdown Club where the Washington Chapter holds its meeting.

## *Ike Supports Former G-Man's Election*



Society Member William G. Freeman's campaign for Congress is given hearty approval by President Eisenhower at the White House recently. Bill is running on the Republican ticket in Mercer and Burlington Counties, New Jersey.

## **Freeman Seeks Congressional Position In New Jersey Race**

William B. Freeman of Marlton, New Jersey is campaigning hard these days to win the Fourth District's Congressional seat in the Garden State as the Republican standard bearer, and his many friends will tell you that he is putting up a great campaign.

Bill will be long remembered as the former agent of the FBI who handled many important assignments while stationed at Louisville, Kentucky and New York City during the gangland days of 1936 and 1938. He joined the Bureau shortly after graduation from the South Jersey Law School and admission to the New Jersey Bar.

At the present time, Congressional Candidate Freeman is considered an expert in the field of municipal law and serves several New Jersey cities as attorney. During the last war, he served in the U. S. Army Air Force as a civilian agent handling security and anti-espionage work. He is a major in the U.S.A.F. Reserve.

Bill is married to the former Elizabeth H. Parker of Haddon Heights, N. J., and they have three sons, William, 17, James, 15, and Robert, 13. In addition to his legal duties, he finds time to operate a farm, breeding and raising Black Angus Beef cattle.

# Trip South Finds X-Agents Have Good Business Ability

## Ernie Cassill's Show Place at Pompano Beach Is Headquarters for Sailfishing — Other Society Members Active Civically

By The Grapevine Editor

Several issues back our publication featured a story about Former FBI Agent Ernie Cassill's fabulous health center at Pompano Beach, Florida and your publisher decided maybe this would be a good time to head South for a vacation to find out how the Society members were doing in the business world and to get better acquainted.

Naturally, time did not permit personal contact with our many members located en route from Trenton to Miami, but Betty and I tried hard to see as many as possible. After visiting the alma mater at Wake Forest College, we thought we'd slip by Raleigh, North Carolina without seeing Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Ed Scheidt, but fate would have it otherwise. A flat tire developed, believe it or not, directly in front of X-SAC Scheidt's headquarters, and Ed very kindly helped change it. Right then and there we vowed always to be a member of the Society.

### Cuts Highway Deaths

Ed's many former associates and friends will be happy to learn that he is very highly regarded in the North Carolina government and has already set a record for quickly cutting the state's death rate on the highways by several hundred which has also resulted in a lower insurance rate. His attractive highway reminder signs to drive carefully are being copied all over the South because of the results. Incidentally, the magazine's report that he had a slight heart attack was not correct, and we found him in excellent health, good spirits and a fine friend. The Commissioner promised to help establish a North Carolina Chapter for the Society what with so many members located at Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Raleigh, Thomasville, etc.

X-Agent Melvin Pruvit was in New York City when we dropped around to Radio Station WOLS at Florence, South Carolina. Melvin owns and operates this large station which serves the major sections of the Southland. Needless to say, we were disappointed since I had hoped to secure a story from him on the famed Dillinger raid for our readers. Can you imagine, it was 20 years ago in July that this took place. However, Melvin's public relations director has promised to get after him for this article.

At the present time, he is trying hard to secure a television station to supplement the radio outlet, and this achievement will give his company a completely new field in the state. Of course, we learned from his neighbors in Florence that he is highly regarded as a good neighbor and an excellent businessman.

### Jacksonville Members Fine

Next stop was Jacksonville, Florida, where X-G-Man Harold Martin makes his home along with Roy Bowden, Al Clark, Earle Johnson, Roger Main, and young Bill Terry, son of the famed Giant baseballer. At Harold's beautiful home, we discovered all our members were making out fine, not only in Jacksonville but also throughout the state. And he should know because Hal's the industrial development director of the local Chamber of Commerce. As such, he travels all over the nation to encourage industry to locate there, and the reports indicated he is doing outstanding work. Hal and his lovely wife promised to help activate the Florida Chapter this fall, and we're certain he can do it.

At beautiful Daytona Beach, Jim Kirkland was as busy as a bee getting set to welcome SAC Murphy of the Charlotte FBI office as a guest at his famed Bahama Colony which he

## Editor and Wife Land Sailfish



Gordon and Betty Philips had good luck on their recent vacation at X-Agent Ernie Cassill's "Sea Castle" at Pompano Beach, Florida when each caught a sailfish. The Editor's weighed 52 pounds while Betty's was 38. In the usual order are his wife, the former Betty LeRoy of Bismarck, N. D.; Captain Burnham Knight of the Shirley Jane fishing boat; Al Beck, Ford's supervising engineer, Dearborn, Michigan; Judge Philips and Mate Joe Mott, who is reported to have done all the work.

operates on the "out of this world" beach. Jim looked well and likes the hotel business very much. He has a grand set up with lovely individual cottages and apartments. We bring personal greetings from him to all his Society friends.

Finally, we arrived at Cassill's "Sea Castle" at Pompano Beach. There was Ernie, as previously reported in a back issue, big as life in a loud sport shirt ready to greet us with his charming wife, Estelle. We were glad to meet these wonderful people from Iowa where Ernie used to own and operate a weekly newspaper before his FBI assignment.

### Sailfishing Very Good

In true Bureau fashion, Ernie keeps an eagle eye on the condition of his excellent Quality Court with its large apartments and motel rooms. Also, he "cased" the fishingboats before we arrived and stated we couldn't go wrong with Crawford Mott's Light-house Yacht Basin at the Hillsboro

Bridge which is about a two minute ride from "Sea Castle". Actually, Mott should call his place "Sailfish Headquarters" since the fishing was excellent as witness the photo.

Ernie and Mr. Mott assigned Captain Marvin Griffin with Mate Bob Saxton and Captain Burnham Knight with Mate Joe Mott to help us bag the sails. For three weeks, thanks to these men, we had the finest fishing ever and finally came through. Betty's 38 pounder took 49 minutes to land.

Close at hand was Fort Lauderdale where we met for the first time Society Member John Dingwall who holds the exclusive franchise for Pepsi-Cola from Miami to Palm Beach. John is an old member of the Boston Chapter and hit Florida about three years ago. His plant is very modern and can bottle thousands of drinks a day. John reported that X-Agent Carl Christy has been doing a very good investigative job with

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## The Secretary's Page



By FRAN KEOGH

This month's contribution is being dashed off just prior to your office secretary leaving on her vacation down in sunny Florida. And by the time this appears in the September issue of the Grapevine I'll probably be back on the job in New York getting ready for a busy Fall season, plus that wonderful Chicago convention of the Society.

Around Society headquarters the convention has been the big topic for discussion. Nancy and I have been keeping cool at the office and several of the members have come in to cool off also, what with the hot weather New York had. We sure hope everyone in the Society had a pleasant Summer.

### More New Members

Membership applications are still pouring in. The committee has been meeting to get them all approved. Mort Davis, too, has been working hard on the Group Insurance program. We've just paid the bill for 1093 premiums. New members are wisely joining the Group Insurance plan when they join the Society. Also, many of the oldest members are signing up. If you want to join just write us at Society headquarters and we'll send you an "Evidence of Insurability" form which must be completed and returned to us. . . . Then it goes to Continental at Chicago for approval. If they okay it, you're in and will receive your policy.

Our Group Insurance program is self administered. . . . We handle all the work involved. . . . If you have any questions, write to Mort Davis, Room 2000, Hotel Roosevelt, New York City. He'll give you all the details.

Each day we're receiving the cards for prospective members. . . . We send out letters and application forms as soon as we get the cards. . . . Keep the cards coming in, boys.

The Placement Committee (Hal Perry, chairman) has been active,

also, interviewing and helping to place some of our members. . . . A number of men have called or written to Hal. We hope all will be happy with the results.

The Hotel Roosevelt employees just can't understand why Society headquarters receives and sends out so much mail. . . . They just don't know the wonderful members we have. . . . We love to hear from you all. . . .

Everyone in New York is talking about the Chicago convention. . . . I'm stopping off at Washington on my way to Florida to talk over convention details with Dan O'Connor, the Society's convention chief. . . . The Grapevine, plus special convention letters, should keep you well posted on the November meeting. . . . Also you'll be receiving during the coming weeks a special Grapevine supplement listing the candidates nominated for the various Society offices. . . .

### Have You Sent in Your Card

Have you received the 1955 Directory information card that was mailed out? Remember that September 15 is the deadline for returning it. . . . Your prompt response will be appreciated and will help us to get out the 1955 Directory on time. . . . We apologize for the delay on the 1954 issue. . . . Please return your card if there is no change and mark it accordingly. That way we can check you off the list and not have to worry about you.

Since our last column the visitors have continued to call at Society headquarters. . . . It's wonderful to see so many of you, particularly the boys from distant places. . . . We have them all sign the register and try at the time to get some news from each. . . . Some of the boys though just don't give with the information. . . . But it's all right. . . . since we don't tell a soul except the Grapevine. . . . A frequent visitor is Bill Bennett who is in to discuss membership matters. . . .



## Detroit Meets New Yorkers



Don Irwin, Detroit, (left), Industrial Relations Manager for Lincoln-Mercury Division, Ford Motor Company, found Alan M. Kridel, (center), Sales Manager of Nathan Straus Duparquet Inc., and Joseph Wohl, both of the New York Chapter, on hand waiting to greet him when he visited the New York headquarters of the Society recently.

So is President Bob Dore who drops by most every day except Friday during the Summer when he spends the weekends with his family in the country. . . .

### West Coast Visitors

Nice to see Elvin Connolly of San Francisco. . . . Also had a call from George Harvey of Los Angeles. Feeling better, he says, after a long siege. Hope he'll be completely recovered soon. . . .

Phil Rogers stopped by to pay his insurance premium. . . . So did Tom Tracy. Talked many times with Tom over the phone. . . . This was the first time we've met in person. . . . Ken Bierly called. Asked for Ed Lane's phone number. Since Ed is now a member, we were able to oblige. . . . Jack Klauer of Huntington also a visitor. . . . Hard man to get information from. . . . William L. McDonald of Andover, Mass., made his first visit since we moved to the Hotel Roosevelt. . . . Another caller was Perry Watzman. . . . Working very hard he says. . . .

### Our Virgin Islands Booster

Guess who also stopped by—none other than our old Virgin Islands ambassador, Dave Maas. . . . He sure keeps us posted frequently on activities around the Caribbean. . . .

He and President Dore got together

for a chat. . . . Plans to come to the Chicago convention and see if he can't interest the Society in holding its next convention in Puerto Rico or Virgin Islands. . . . Safe trip back home, Dave. . . . Another caller was Bob Long over in New Jersey.

The Lions International convention drew several Society members to New York. . . . One of them was John E. Allmon, Jr., a new member from Arkansas. . . . Stayed at the Statler. . . . Another Lions delegate was Bob Erskine of Los Angeles. . . . Advised us that Marshall Hickson is now president of the Rotary Club at Santa Monica, Calif. . . . Emmett McNamara stopped in. . . . So did Ed Kenefick. . . . Chuck Olsen of Washington (he was written up in the Grapevine) stopped in with his fiancée, Jeanne Ward. . . . They were married August 25 and left for a year in Germany the next day. . . . Good luck and best wishes, kids. . . . Joe Dooley called to say the Farmingdale Chapter was holding its first organizational meeting to elect officers. . . . The Society still grows. . . .

Frank Holmes of Washington, D. C., stopped by to say he liked both the new Directory and the Grapevine. Lou Wade another member who likes the new Grapevine. . . . Hal Breuel

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# With Our Chapters

## Kentucky

Several X's from the Kentucky Chapter and their wives congregated at Churchill Downs, Saturday, May 15, for the last day of the Spring meet. I prepared a real fancy account of this get-together, but when I asked my wife Ruth to pass judgment on it she said, "It's rather corny, isn't it?" I am sure she was right and it is hereby being eliminated. However, after the races there were cocktails at Kosair Temple, followed by a most delicious smorgasbord dinner, personalized music and dancing.

Judge Norris Vincent, Chapter chairman, promised faithfully to arrange a meeting at Owensboro in the late Summer or early Fall when Dade Park (at Henderson) opens. Norris made very special and remarkable claims of being able to furnish grilled steaks "which are out of this world" and some sure money-makers at Dade Park. No further word has been received from him, but it sounded like a mighty good package at the time.

### Informal Luncheons

The Kentucky Chapter also held its first informal luncheon on June 1 at Leo's Hideaway, Louisville. Paul Hansen, Ed Robbins, Don Nemitz and Nelson Perry, all of Louisville, found the place. Informal talk at the luncheon included a debate on the question: "What in hell has happened to the 1954 Society directory?" (Oops, it has just arrived). "Why doesn't the Society get out group health and hospital insurance, like the life insurance now available?" "Will the recession last as long as the McCarthy hearings?" (Democratic talk).

The treasury for the Chapter consists of \$46.20, all in Louisville.

On July 6 Jim Young, Ed Robbins, Nelson Perry and Paul Hansen met at Leo's for another enjoyable luncheon. More down-to-earth discussions were engaged in, such as some of the fine and wonderful things which happened to us in the Bureau. Sometime, some-

one should write something worth while on why so many X-Agents (and more especially Agents) are such grippers.

These luncheon meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Leo's Hideaway so when this appears in the Grapevine a couple more such gatherings probably will have been held. X-Agents from out of town who happen to be in Louisville on the first Tuesday are always welcome at these luncheons.

Colonel Perry is going all out in promoting a large delegation to attend the three-day Society convention at Chicago in November. He suggests a caravan of cars on a share-the-expense basis and that all stay at the same hotel. Please contact Nelson if you are interested.

P.H.

## Detroit

Regularly scheduled meetings are now being held for all Michigan members of the Detroit Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. The next meeting is on September 8 at 6:30 p. m. at the Harmonie Society, 256 East Grand River Avenue. A great program is being planned.

The membership of the Detroit Chapter was "wowed" at our last meeting when "Red" Jones, former big league baseball umpire, spun yarns about the past and present stars of our national pastime. Close to 40 members present enjoyed an extremely good meeting.

Much enthusiasm was reflected over the coming National Convention at Chicago. Gene Cahill, Howard Otto, Milt Boyd, Ed Devine and Frank Parker were appointed by President Walt Horn to make local arrangements and reservations for Detroit Chapter members who will attend in a body.

R. A. Ulseth,  
Secretary.

# *New Chapter Formed At Farmingdale L. I.*

## **Group Open To X-Agents In Nassau-Suffolk County Areas**

Another new Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI Inc., was organized during the Summer.

The newest member of the family is the Farmingdale, N. Y. Chapter, composed largely of former Agents who had been members of the New York City Chapter.

The Farmingdale Chapter held its organization meeting on July 14 at the Fairchild Airplane and Engine Corporation offices at Farmingdale. Attending were Ex-Agents John Madigan, B. Donald Salamack, Robert McCormack, William Griffin and Joseph Dooley, five of the signers of the petition sent to the National Society. The two additional signers, John Tut-hill and Joseph DeFranco, were unable to attend but had delegated their voting proxies to Ex-Agents Madigan and McCormack.

The aims and purposes of the group were discussed and it was agreed that they are essentially those of the National Society, with the promotion of social fraternity among the men in the Long Island area as a principal goal.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Chairman, B. Donald Salamack; vice chairman, Robert McCormack; treasurer, John Madigan; secretary, Joseph L. Dooley, and membership chairman, William Griffin.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held on September 14 at the Elks Club at Huntington, L. I.

Plans are developing to notify all Society members in the Nassau-Suffolk area of the Farmingdale Chapter by letter and enclose a post card whereon they may indicate their desire to affiliate with the Farmingdale Chapter.



**B. Donald Salamack**

Farmingdale Chapter Chairman Salamack attended Columbia University prior to military service. Following his discharge from the Navy at the end of World War II, he entered St. John's University School of Law where he won his LL.B. degree. He was appointed a Special Agent in the Bureau in 1950 and was first assigned to the Pittsburgh Office. He was at the Detroit Office when he resigned in 1951. Don and his wife Joan have three small boys and make their home at 26 Michele Terrace, Massapequa Park, L. I. Don has been a member of the Society for the past three years and never misses a New York meeting. Generally he attends with most of his co-workers at the Republic Aviation Corporation plant at Farmingdale.

This first Chapter meeting on September 14 at the Huntington Elks Club will begin with dinner at 8:15 p. m. The Elks Club is on Route 25A at Huntington.

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## Milwaukee Chapter Honors Judge Medina



Members of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Society of Former FBI Agents joined with civic leaders and members of the Milwaukee judiciary during the Summer in honoring Federal Judge Harold R. Medina of New York. The occasion came during the conferring of an honorary degree upon the famous New York jurist by Marquette University. Judge Medina won international recognition for his able handling of the lengthy trial of 11 Communists who were convicted of plotting to overthrow the U. S. government. The Milwaukee Chapter honored Judge Medina at a luncheon at the beautiful Blatz Auditorium. The affair was arranged by X-SA Jim Shinnors, Blatz Public Relations Director. An interesting coincidence of the gathering was that it marked the first meeting between Judge Medina and X-SA John Frisch who prepared much of the brief for the trial of the 11 Communists. Frisch was transferred from New York before the trial began. Shown in the photo above are, (left to right standing) John Frisch, James Shinnors, Robert Reitman, chairman of the Milwaukee Chapter; John Murphy, Joseph Tierney, Robert Riordan and Jack Ryan. Judge Medina is seated.

## Bureau Veteran Has Own Office

J. S. Egan, who had 30 years' service in the Bureau when he retired in 1952, has announced the establishment of the investigative firm of J. S. Egan & Associates with offices at 1017 Woodward Building, 733 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The firm engages in accounting, income tax, management surveys, records systems and financial investigations.

## Bill Clothier Directs Lawn Tennis Matches

X-Agent William J. Clothier 2d (1941-46) who makes his home at Valley Forge, Pa., got a big mention on the Sunday society pages of the Philadelphia Inquirer during the Summer. Bill was general chairman of the Pennsylvania State Lawn Tennis Championships which were held at the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford, Pa. In business Bill is associated with the Minute Maid Corporation at Wayne, Pa.

## No Chapter at Baltimore

### So X-Agent Walsh Would Like to Do Something To Start One

If X-Agent John J. Walsh of 6709 Selkirk Road, Baltimore, Md., has anything to say about it, there's going to be a new chapter of the National Society down in Baltimore one of these days.

Jack was so steamed up about the new Membership Directory of the Society that he went through it page by page checking the names of the many friends he made while serving in the Bureau.

He was particularly sorry to note that there is no active chapter of the Society in Baltimore.

"I would certainly like to cooperate in getting one started," he declares. "As a step toward that goal, please send me a membership application for a good friend and former Agent who works with me at Bendix Aviation Corporation at Towson, Md. He is Tom O'Connor, formerly of Washington Field, Newark and the Bureau. If you have any other members who are now in the Baltimore area and who are not listed in the Directory I would like to have their names and addresses also."

Jack's one regret is that he failed to send current information on himself for inclusion in the Directory. He's listed as residing in Wheaton, Md., instead of at the Selkirk Road address in Baltimore. He went with the Bendix Radio Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation at Towson in September, 1953 and is manager of the Material Control Department. Jack has one final request to make of the Society. "Keep the Grapevine coming," he says.

### Has New Office

Richard E. Burke (1942-45) who has had law offices at Red Bank, N. J., has announced the opening of new offices at Campbell's Junction, Leonardville Road, Belford, N. J.

## Ramsay Now Mayor of Grandview, Mo.

Former Special Agent W. Rupert Ramsay has acquired a new title. He's been elected Mayor of Grandview, Missouri.

A resident of 1101 High Grove Road, Grandview, Ramsay was elected in a special election to fill out the term of J. J. Taylor who died late in April. He ran far ahead of his opponent in the election, winning by a vote of 198 to 29.

Mayor Ramsay, who is 44 years of age, is an attorney for the Transport Agency and Investment Company in Kansas City.

He served in the Bureau from June 1943 through September 1945 and was assigned to offices at Denver, Philadelphia and Kansas City. He and his wife, Mrs. DeEsta Ramsay, have two daughters, Lucindy, 9, and Jina Sue, 12.

## Salt Lake City Chapter Sends Its Greetings

James W. Beless Jr., chairman of the Salt Lake City, Utah, Chapter, in a letter to Society headquarters writes: "Please convey to the editors of the Grapevine the expression of the entire Salt Lake City Chapter that each succeeding issue gets better and that it is a wonderful job well done."

Jim adds that Harold Meyer, publications representative of the Salt Lake City Chapter, is now at work on an article on their chapter which they'll send along soon for publication in the Grapevine.

Also, he says that Salt Lake City will be represented by at least three members at the coming Chicago Convention.

### Returns to Miami

George H. Harvey (1940-48) who formerly resided at Tallahassee, Fla., has returned to Miami where he is now making his headquarters. His address is 849-850 Ingraham Building, Miami 3, Fla.

# Clement Wins Great Victory In Tennessee

**Governor Renominated By Greatest Landslide In State's History—Friends Say Former FBI Agent To Have National Stature**

Governor Frank Goad Clement of Tennessee, a former Special Agent of the FBI and a member of the Society, scored the greatest landslide in the history of his state when he was renominated as governor in the Democratic primary on August 5.

Governor Clement, whose picture appeared on the front cover of The Grapevine last January, the first issue under its present format, had a lead of more than a quarter of a million votes over his principal opponent.

In fact, Clement's victory was so overwhelming that even his supporters were stunned. He piled up more than 425,000 votes to some 175,000 for his nearest opponent.

The Democratic nomination in Tennessee is tantamount to election.

"Never before in Tennessee politics," said the Nashville Banner, "has a young man demonstrated such tremendous strength as the 34-year-old Dickson Countian as he won the Democratic nomination for the first four-year term for governor. It was Clement all the way from the time the first returns were received from East Tennessee."

## Bitter Campaign

The primary campaign, according to the Nashville paper, was one of the most bitter in the state's history.

"It was a fighting Governor who met head-on," said the Nashville Banner in a front page editorial, "the unsurpassed violence of personal assault. He waged with skill, with honor and with courage, a battle which—commanding such respect—could have ended no other way. Refusing to compromise, to appease, or to get down on the same level of malice and slur, he acquitted himself as a champion. He won a victory which will be long remembered for its triumph of principles. . . .

"... Few men have been accorded such a vote of confidence as Tennessee thus has bestowed on its young Governor.

"No less can it be said that no Governor has been presented a greater opportunity to serve his state. . . .

"Tennessee renominated him because it believes in his capacity for dedicated stewardship—the effective and efficient administration of the state's business. It wants him to carry out in the ensuing four years the program of governmental operations wisely directed, or undertaken, in his initial two-year term. . . .

## Honesty and Zeal Lauded

"To the Executive assignment, Frank Goad Clement brought initiative along with honesty, decency, and morality. Tennessee likes these qualities. He brought the zeal of an energetic young mind, the idealism and stout heart of relative youth. Tennessee likes these, too. It chose not to turn its back on them—nor discomfit the interest and participation of young citizens in their government.

"The younger and the older citizens obviously joined hands in supporting this candidacy. . . . It was a positive crusade for the standards of decency and public service, through Good Government in which Tennessee believes. It was a mighty victory, and those concerned for a Greater Tennessee rejoice in it."

Governor Clement's sweep was so decisive that he carried every county in the state except the home county of his principal opponent, a former governor of the state.

## Champion Campaigner

A Nashville political writer declared that "there is no doubt in the minds of newsmen that Clement is the champion campaigner of all times. At the conclusion of his speeches, regard-

less of the size of the crowd, he took the time to shake hands and speak with nearly every person in his audience. This personal touch paid off in a big way.

"We watched Governor Clement on many occasions and his sincerity backing up the statements he previously had made, drew conclusive proof that the people believed him without doubt.

"No man running for public office ever has worked harder than this 34-year-old chief executive who is certain to become more famous nationally in the years ahead. Yes, Frank Clement is the new champ!"

#### See it First in Grapevine

All of which goes to show once more that if you want to keep informed on the up and coming men of America, just read the articles appearing from month to month in *The Grapevine*. That's why Frank Clement was selected for the No. 1 cover photo spot in the first issue of the new *Grapevine*.

Governor Clement is one man the Chicago Convention Committee ought to sign up quick for a feature spot on the program.

### From the Secretary

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called. . . . He was staying at the Waldorf and met Hub O'Malley on the plane coming in from Miami, Fla. Hub and his family were up for a few weeks from Caracas. . . . Hal wanted John Hart's address in Washington. Planned to stop off to say hello. . . . Al Reilly, whom we haven't seen for a year, stopped by to see the new office setup. . . . Harry O'Neill called to ask if anyone needed a company representative in the East. Sells so many items he'd like to represent more firms. . . . Another caller was Joe Doherty who is now with the Bell Laboratories. . . . Ed Walsh was a visitor, too. He'd just returned from vacationing at Greenwood Lake on the N. J.-N.Y. border. Said he'd seen Jack Winthers. . . . We were at Avon, N. J., for a weekend and met Hub O'Malley who was mentioned a few sentences back. . . . Was leaving the following day for South America. . . .

Past President John Brennan came around to see if he could assist in any way. . . . Glad he remembers how much work is involved in being Society president. . . . Charlie Gannon came in just before leaving for Eng-

land for six weeks. Hopes to see Ed Gebben in London. . . . Which reminds us we haven't heard too much lately from the boys overseas. . . .

#### Don't Forget Sept. 20 Meeting

Gerard B. Tracy of the executive committee was in to talk about the Society's quarterly meeting to be held September 20 at Hotel Roosevelt. . . . We've been so busy thinking of the Chicago Convention we almost forgot that a quarterly dinner meeting will be held this month. . . . If you're in town, plan to attend. . . . Wm. James Rooney, also of the Exec. Com. came in to look things over in order to compile a report for the September 20 meeting. . . .

Others callers included John L. Davis, John Ruehle, Morse Conroy, Nat Frankel (he thinks the Society is really moving ahead); William K. Fulton, Frank White (taught us how to make a Jersey phone call); Joe Skelly, Jerry Sutton (he likes his job very much). . . .

John O'Mara came in to tell us about the memorial Mass for Joe Brock. . . . At his request we notified several of the members who attended, among them Paul O'Friel, Patrick Murphy, Joe Wohl, Al Berry, Frank Nolan, Bilil Losty, Jim Harris. . . . J. L. Wegg was in from Houston, Texas and Pat Murray from Washington, D. C. Bill Seery's office called and advised that Elmer Madson, a new Society member from Green Bay, Wis., was coming in from Syracuse and asked for reservation at the Roosevelt. . . . We spoke to the hotel manager about some difficulty we were having with reservations. . . . Dan O'Connor called with lots of plans for the convention. . . .

#### Frank at New Address

John J. Frank advises us that his new address is Woodward Building, 733 15th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. Phone, MEtropolitan 8-1201. George F. Dinneen tells us that John Kelly and Art Williams are opening an investigative agency in New Jersey. . . . Bill Bennett met with Tom Connors and Jim Harris of his Membership Committee to talk over plans for Chicago. . . . It was Bill's birthday and no one bought him a drink. . . . Hugo Blandori came in just in time to take a phone call from Jack Daley. . . .

Many Society members check in by phone or in person when in town. . . . We try to keep a record of where you

are so that we can get you boys together. . . . So when you're in New York, be sure to call and tell us where you're staying. . . . Virgil Wolfe called one day to locate Les Condon. . . . We finally tracked him down. . . . Mrs. Walter Brannigan came in to say hello. . . . Walter was in town on business but too busy to come around himself. . . . They had just returned from Maine. . . .

#### Ray Newkirk Back Home

Harvey Rath finally got around to the office. . . . Was looking for Jack Daley. . . . Ray Newkirk (there was a piece about him in the Grapevine) called to say he's back from Germany. Stationed in Washington, D. C. for next four years, he hopes. . . . His wife had been ill and underwent an operation in Walter Reed Hospital. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Had a nice letter, too, from Bill Dickson. . . . He reads our column closely to check on friends. . . . Sends his best to all his New York friends. John Hart is in Dayton, Ohio attending another school with Bob Hinds and Louis Woiwode. . . . Writes that it has sure been hot in Washington.

James Wm. Boyle, 835 Central Avenue, Asbury Park, (1950-54) informs us he's opening his own law office at Freehold, N. J. . . . Tom Brady sent us a letter. . . . Wants to know why we haven't written him. . . . Sorry, Tom. . . . Kind of busy at the office, I guess. . . . Bill Parriott writes that he's now in Washington, D. C. . . . Al Muzzey, also of Washington, wrote he was going on vacation in August.

#### Puerto Rico Visitors

Early in August John G. McCormick, general manager of Alvarez & Pascual, Inc., San Juan, Puerto Rico, stopped by with his daughter. They were staying at the New Yorker. He asked for Jack Hart. . . . They left New York for Washington and then went on to Havana. . . .

Good luck. . . . See you next month. Hope to have lots of news from the boys in the field as a result of my trip to Florida. . . . Grapevine editor Gordon Phillips was down in Florida for a month before I left. . . . Don't know what I'll find down there, now.

#### Needed Legislation

(Continued from page 2)

enjoys around the world, and needless to say, our members will continue to do just that in the years ahead.

The true purpose of the statute is clear. It is to prevent deception and fraud in advertising a phoney connection with America's finest governmental agency. Former Special Agents of the FBI have given the best years of their lives to our Bureau and are happy to learn that promotional impostors will be prosecuted for use of the name or initials which Society members have long since honored and respected.

G. A. P.

#### Convention Reservations

(Continued from page 17)

Mission, Kas.; W. A. Rorer, Albany, Ga.; John P. Ryan, St. Paul, Minn.

Richard C. Saxton, Dayton, O.; V. J. Schweiger, Minneapolis, Minn.; William Seery, New York City; James R. Sharp, Washington, D. C.; Raymond C. Sprow, Summit, N. J.; Royal L. Stauffer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Franklin Stone, Waseca, Minn.; Gene E. Strong, St. Louis; George J. Sullivan, New York City; Joseph P. Sullivan, Munster, Ind.; Norman J. Sutter, Clayton, Mo.; A. J. Sutton, Cleveland.

Jerome F. Taylor, Chicago; Reed W. Thompson, North Little Rock, Ark.; R. L. Tollett, Big Spring, Mo.; Gerard B. Tracy, New York City; P. M. Trapani, Chicago; Kenneth O. Turnholm, Minneapolis; Lyon L. Tyler Jr., Cheverly, Md.

Richard A. Van Winkle, Salt Lake City, Utah; Leonard R. Viner, Washington, D. C.

Harvey D. Walker, Saginaw, Mich.; George M. Washington, Billings, Mont.; Harry Wailington, Melrose Park, Ill.; J. Robert Wilson, Akron, O.; John W. Wolf, Saginaw, Mich.; G. R. Woltz, Mount Airy, N. C.

James Young, Louisville.

More names of those planning to attend the Chicago Convention will appear next month.

#### Getting Out Membership

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11303 Chalon Road, Los Angeles 49, Calif.; Business, Hightower & Martin, Suite 510, 811 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles 17, Calif.

William E. Gelder advises his residence address is 1721 Canosa Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada; Business, Room 3, Boggs Building, 319 Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Undoubtedly there are other directory changes which various Society members would like to have listed. If so, send them along and we'll try to run them in a special column in The Grapevine from time to time.



## Chicago Convention

(Continued from Page 3)

will add new lustre to the hospitality for which the Midwest is renowned.

### Election of Officers

Saturday, November 13, will be the big day for business. Throughout the morning there will be meetings of the Membership, Insurance, Placement, Public Relations, and Grapevine Committees. In the afternoon announcement will be made of the election of new officers as well as the selection of the 1955 convention city. A reception for the new officers will precede the Convention banquet that evening.

President Dore emphasizes that every Chapter in the Society should be represented at the Convention. Those Chapters which have not yet named their official delegates should act at the earliest possible moment. Chapters also should act promptly in submitting to the Executive Committee matters with which they wish the Convention to deal.

With the Convention just two months away, it appears now that this will be the greatest meeting in the 17-year history of the Society.

If you haven't sent in a reservation, don't delay further.

Remember, it's On to Chicago!

## Letters From Our Readers

(Continued from page 11)

of content it far surpasses anything we've had heretofore.

George J. Coyle,  
National Board of Fire  
Underwriters,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

—o—

I noted with interest the editorial in the June-July issue. My feeling is that the \$10 annual membership dues is the least that could be required for this organization. Frankly, I do not see how we have operated to date on the \$5 fee.

I also am in hearty accord with your proposal for a paid executive director who I believe should be a man who had several years in the Bureau and since has had some public relations experience since this would appear to be at least 75 percent of the job.

E. H. (Tommy) Adkins, Jr.,  
Creole Petroleum Corporation,  
Caracas, Venezuela

—o—

Add my congratulations for the excellent Grapevine which I read with interest. . . . Things were hot in Kansas City during the Summer, with temperatures ranging between 105 and 112 degrees. Out here, we don't have a Jones Beach or a Coney Island to go to either.

William W. Cochrane Jr.,  
Attorney at Law,  
Kansas City, Mo.

## Trip South

(Continued from page 21)

Boward County. Also, the Society's Paul Dye has developed many good real estate fields and is well known as a civic leader in the Lion's Club.

At, former Mayor Bob Floyd's Miami, we had the pleasure of meeting the new Dade County Circuit Judge. Bob reported Ken Altschul, George Bolles, Hal Breuel, Walt Dence, Al Gordon, Elmer Gross, George Knight, Joe Vinson, John Madala and Sam Kay were all plugging the Society and fairing nicely in their professions. They hope to send a large delegation to the Chicago Convention.

Nat Klein was out of town on another legal flying mission trying to buy the Philadelphia A's for the Sun Ray Drug owners, but his secretary very kindly made reservations for us at Nat's Fort Montague Beach Hotel, Nassau, where Betty and I spent almost a week "living it up" and having terrific fun with the natives.

We're back in Trenton again trying to put out the September issue, but my mind still lingers South to those grand fellow members who are already to make you feel at home. It's a wonderful comfort to know you have friends in new areas of travel. Many thanks to all of you for your kindness in receiving us, and my deep appreciation to Karl Hastedt, our Associate Editor, for handling so successfully the August issue of the Grapevine. Let's all plan another reunion at Chicago!

## New Chapter at Farmingdale

(Continued from page 25)

new Chapter, Chairman Salamack reports that "we felt that the members in the Nassau-Suffolk Counties areas had a lot in common, most of them being home owners with young families. With a format of social fraternity and emphasis on family participation, we hope to enroll all Nassau-Suffolk former Agents as charter members. In the event some Society member living in the area has not received an invitation, he can address a card to the Farmingdale Chapter, Box 267, Farmingdale, N.Y."

The Grapevine extends a welcome to the new Farmingdale group. We hope to hear of similar action from other cities throughout the country.

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## *Service To Nation*

Excerpts From an Editorial by John Fox, Publisher

Boston Post, Boston, Massachusetts

It is undeniably the fact that when people come to realize the true nature of the thing that is Communism, they come to hate it in direct proportion to the degree of their understanding.

In proof, the members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, past and present, having had much to do with it, understand it at least as well as anyone does.

There is not a man among them, past or present, who does not hate Communism with his whole heart and soul.

We refer particularly to the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These men, now engaged in many walks of life, continue to perform a great service to the nation. All of them are qualified experts on the thing that is Communism. They are alert to the dangers facing us.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE:

October 18, 1954

FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

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Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Carbo	_____
Glavin	_____
Ladd	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

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*SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI*

[Redacted] Secret Service White House Detail, called me late Sunday afternoon and stated that he had been approached by an officer of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., for the purpose of obtaining from the President a statement that the Society might use in its publication "The Grapevine" during its convention in Chicago on November 12, 1954.

[Redacted] stated that he is not sure of the officer's name but believes it was a Mr. Phillips who stated that he had charge of publishing "The Grapevine."

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The Society request was a Presidential statement to the effect that the group could be called upon for assistance in times of emergency in view of its past association with the FBI. [Redacted] stated that it was not quite clear exactly what the Society wanted but he got the above impression from talking to Mr. Phillips. [Redacted] desired to know the Bureau's feelings concerning the Society before he made any suggestions to [Redacted] who handles acknowledgments of such matters.

After checking with Mr. Nichols, I told [Redacted] this morning that the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., is not an officially recognized organization and that the White House may desire to consider the fact that should the President give them a message for publication that it may be considered as an official endorsement of the group. [Redacted] stated that he understood and that he intended to make a suggestion to [Redacted] that the request be declined as far as the President is concerned.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

1 - Mr. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: Oct. 28, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT:

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

SAC Auerbach called from Seattle. Former Special Agent Jerry Pennington [redacted] and is President of the Seattle Chapter of the Society of Former Agents. Auerbach states he is very friendly disposed and cooperative. He has a potential of being elected to office in the national organization of the Society of Former Agents. He told Auerbach he has heard a grapevine rumor, which he does not know exactly how to evaluate as to its reliability, to the effect that something might come up at the Chicago convention of the Society of Former Agents with reference to the paying of overtime for Agents, which was a part of a series of letters that former Agents allegedly sent to the Washington Post. Pennington felt that a strong stand should be taken against any such matter that should come up on the ground it would be a disservice for the Society of Former Agents to inject itself into the operations of the Bureau; furthermore, they did not know the facts.

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I told Auerbach this was absolutely correct and Pennington should take a strong stand, although we had had no rumbles of anything like this and it would seem doubtful anything like this would be injected into the convention. Auerbach wondered if there was anything else Pennington should look out for. I told him I knew of nothing.

cc: Mr. Mohr

[redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

DATE: 10-20-54

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Former Special Agent [redacted] furnished me with a copy of a circular letter that he had received from the Society of Former Special Agents dated September 23, 1954 and signed by D. VINCENT MURLEY.

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The gist of the letter indicates that the Society is contemplating publishing a pamphlet entitled "Interesting Experiences in the FBI", which is to be written on the humorous side and to have illustrations accompanying the anecdotes.

I feel that such a pamphlet or booklet would be embarrassing to the Bureau since the subject matter will have to portray the agent in a silly or ridiculous predicament.

This is being submitted to the Bureau for such action as is deemed appropriate.

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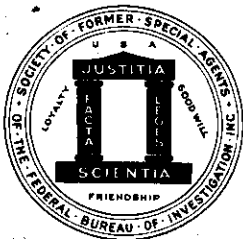
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*Society of*  
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HOTEL ROOSEVELT • 45TH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • MU 3-5631 • MU 6-9200

September 23, 1954

Dear Member:

We have decided to experiment with a new project along Public Relations lines. All of you have had occasion, when meeting with ex-agents or other acquaintances to regale them with humorous stories of experiences that befell you during the time you served as an Agent.

If we could compile a pamphlet or book of "Interesting Experiences in the F.B.I." incorporating a number of such anecdotes we believe we could come up with something to which the public would react most favorably. I can visualize this sort of book set up with one story to a page, illustrated with humorous drawings. I would appreciate it very much if every member of the Society would send us such an anecdote confining it to less than 200 words, preferably about 100 words. Keep the tenor of it humorous. Be absolutely certain that you don't include any information confidential to the Bureau. Avoid all references to established Bureau techniques and use assumed names where you deem it advisable, but we plan to credit each member for his contribution by a byline.

We anticipate an excellent response to this request. If and when this book is published and your contribution is not included, don't be disappointed. We must have a cut-off date for the receipt of this material and we have set this date as October 15, 1954.

Any and all proceeds forthcoming from this endeavor will of course inure to the benefit of the Society.

Please don't put this letter aside and forget about it; sit down tonight and rough out your contribution....than make your revisions and send it along to us as soon as possible - no later than October 15, 1954.

Sincerely yours,

D. Vincent Hurley  
Chairman, Public Relations Committee

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

October 6, 1954

# SOCIETY OF FORMER F.B.I. AGENTS

MR. TOLSON:

There is attached hereto an In Absence reply to Judge Gordon A. Philips' letter requesting a greeting for the Grapevine convention edition.

It seems to me the Director could send a carefully phrased statement that would serve a useful purpose and still not constitute an endorsement of the Society of Former Agents. As you know, there is a good group of Agents who have been carrying on quite a campaign to clean up the Society and I think a carefully phrased statement would aid them materially and would not in any way hurt the Bureau. It would be my idea to send a statement along these lines:

"As the Bureau has grown and taken on added responsibilities, my one regret has been my inability to keep in close, personal touch with the many former Special Agents who have contributed to the Bureau's development. ~~Then~~ I am glad to have this opportunity to send greetings to those who served capably and with distinction in the FBI. Once a man takes his oath of office and is assigned the Gold Badge of the FBI, he acquires a status which imposes upon him a grave responsibility. When he leaves the service, he continues to carry that responsibility and so conduct himself that his acts and deeds will reflect credit upon the good name of the FBI and the men and women who have and continue to serve in it."

*and who have continued to exemplify the three qualities which are the motto of the FBI - Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity*

Attachment  
LBN:MP

B. B. Nichols

*I am inclined to the opinion that no message should be sent*

*I will go along with whatever should be addressed to all ex-agents not to threaten.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

October 28, 1954

FROM :

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

Tolson ✓  
Boardman ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Clegg ✓  
Glavin ✓  
Ladd ✓  
Nichols ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm ✓  
Sizoo ✓  
Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

Reference is made to my memorandum of 10/21/54, reflecting a telephone call I received from former Special Agent [Redacted] concerning former SA [Redacted]

[Redacted] was to have called me at 1:30 p.m., 10/22/54, relative to making an appointment to see me concerning [Redacted]. Since he had not called, I telephoned him at 11 a.m., 10/22, to be certain there was no misunderstanding. He stated he had not called because he had "visiting firemen" in his office. He stated he was still desirous of talking with me, but that there was no hurry about it at all. I assured him I would be very happy to talk with him at any time it was convenient for him. He stated he would get in touch with me later. I have not received any further call from him.

SOCIETY OF FBI AGENTS

## ACTION:

In the event [Redacted] goes contact me. Will, per your approval, advise him, for his confidential information, that [Redacted]

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Director, FBI

10/25/54

SAC, New York (62-11243)

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYlet, 10/5/54, concerning the presentation by [REDACTED] of facts concerning [REDACTED] to ROBERT DORE, President of the Association of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

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[REDACTED] advised on 10/21/54 that she had been told by [REDACTED] a meeting had been held on the previous evening at which it was decided to put an investigator from Washington, D.C. on the case and when the matter had been brought to a conclusion she would be notified. No time was given to [REDACTED] as to when the investigation would be completed and she was told a Washington man was being used rather than one from New York in order to be sure it would be strictly confidential.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of this situation as soon as it is secured from [REDACTED]

*Society of Former FBI Agents*

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Director, FBI

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SAC, New York (62-11243)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYlet, 9/28/54.

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[REDACTED] telephonically advised on 9/29/54 that she had conferred on that date with ROBERT DORE, President of the Association of Former Special Agents of the FBI, concerning the actions of [REDACTED] which were damaging her reputation. b6

She stated she presented her available facts to Mr. DORE and he told her he would call a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association on Oct. 18, next, to present any documented proof she would furnish to him on that date in order to decide whether [REDACTED] should be continued as a member.

This is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau and the results of the meeting will be furnished to the Bureau when received from [REDACTED]

*Society of Former F.B.I. Agents*

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Director, FBI

9/28/54

SAC, New York (62-11243)

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/27/54, [REDACTED] whose reliability is known to the Bureau, telephonically advised the NYO that she desired to inform this office, for information purposes, that [REDACTED] a former Special Agent of the FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She believed such publicity would not only be seized upon by the "left wing" press to condemn the character of Bureau employees, but also would be used in an attempt to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As a result, she advised she had not consulted with her attorney, but planned to talk to the president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, whom she considered to be entirely trustworthy. In an attempt to secure advice as to what can be done to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She declared she would keep the NYO advised as to subsequent events and in the event she secured [REDACTED] she would make it available to this office.

No advice was given to [REDACTED] as to any action to be taken by her, and she was told that anything she did would be left to her own decision.

This is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau and no further action is being taken by the NYO in this matter.

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JTM:JTD

October 8, 1954

Honorable Gordon A. Phillips  
Judge  
Municipal Court of Fieldsboro  
28 West State Street  
Trenton 8, New Jersey

*Society of Former F.B.I. Agents*

My dear Judge:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of  
October 1, 1954.

It is a pleasure indeed to enclose a message  
addressed to "The Former Special Agents of the FBI." There  
will be no objection to your using this message in the  
November issue of the Grapevine.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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October 8, 1954

To the Former Special Agents of the FBI

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LEN:MP

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GORDON A. PHILIPS  
JUDGE

October 1, 1955

As you are aware, the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI will hold its first international convention at Chicago commencing the 12th of November, and I would be pleased to print words of greeting from you to the old employees in the November issue of the "GRAPEVINE".

We are expecting approximately 700 former special agents and agents in charge at the convention, and it will be the first time in many years that such a large group of your former associates have been together. A statement of welcome and greeting of about 100 words would be splendid, and I shall use it on the back cover of the issue. If you will furnish me with a photograph of yourself, we can place it alongside the statement.

The November issue will go to press on the 15th of October, and I would appreciate the message before the deadline. So that you may have additional information about the convention, I am enclosing a copy of the October issue which sets forth some of the great plans.

With kind ~~personal~~ regards, I am,

~~Sincerely yours,~~

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover      Gordon A. Phillips  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, District of Columbia

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 8, 1954

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT :

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 SOCIETY OF FORMER AGENTS OF THE FBI, INC.  
 CHICAGO CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 12 to 14

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 Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*PC*  
 On November 3, 1954, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] advised Liaison Agent [REDACTED] that he had recently  
 been contacted by [REDACTED]

that he, [REDACTED] was a former Bureau Agent, and was a member of the  
 Ex-Agent's Society. He stated that they were holding a convention  
 in Chicago on November 12 to 14, and would like very much for

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he did not know anything about the organization, and  
 in view of other commitments, it was necessary for him to decline  
 the invitation. b6

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for information.

1 - Mr. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

October 21, 1954

FROM :

SUBJECT:

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At 2 p.m., 10/21/54, I received a telephone call from [redacted] who stated he was a former Special Agent and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents. **FBI**

He stated that at a recent Executive Committee meeting it was decided that steps would be taken to remove [redacted] from the rolls of the Society of Former Special Agents, on the grounds that [redacted] had, at the time he left the FBI, improperly retained in his possession Government property belonging to the Bureau, and for the further reason that [redacted] in New York which are embarrassing to the Society of Former Special Agents. [redacted] stated that the members of the Executive Committee have concluded that [redacted] is a most undesirable character, and they are anxious to read him out of the Society of Former Special Agents before he causes them embarrassment.

Additional:

[redacted] then stated that he has a Photostat of a letter addressed to [redacted] attorney in New York, which letter I wrote to [redacted] while SAC at New York. [redacted] then read a portion of the letter, i.e., "As you know, the material turned over to me by your client was not the personal property of former Special Agent [redacted] but Bureau property, and consequently this property will not be returned....."

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[redacted] stated today that he would like to discuss this matter with me personally. I told [redacted] that, though I would be very happy to talk with him, it should be obvious to him that the Bureau could not be a party to any action taken concerning [redacted] by the Society of Former Special Agents. [redacted] stated that the only thing he wanted to know was whether or not [redacted] had, in fact, retained Bureau property. I told [redacted] that I did not consider this question one that could be properly answered by me. He asked whether I would mind talking with him personally on the matter, and I told him I would be very pleased to do so. I told him I would be very happy to see him any time at his convenience on 10/22/54.

I think that the Executive Committee's primary concern and interest in the matter is the apparent embarrassment which [redacted] is causing to that Society. The fact that [redacted] retained Bureau property illegally is probably merely a side issue in so far as they are concerned. However, an acknowledgment by the Bureau that he did so retain such property would be the best excuse that the Society could use in "reading [redacted] out of the Society."

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[redacted] advised that before they would strike [redacted] name from the rolls of the Society they would call him before the Executive Committee, indicate the charges, and give [redacted] an opportunity to answer any charges made against him.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Nichols and indicated it was my feeling that the Bureau should have no part in this situation and that we should not indicate to [redacted] did or did not improperly retain Bureau property. (As a matter of fact, [redacted] stated he had a Photostat of my letter to [redacted] which I assume he secured from [redacted] wherein was contained the statement that the property was Bureau property.) I do not believe that the Bureau should, orally or in writing, confirm this fact to [redacted] because the only use [redacted] could make of it would be to confront [redacted] with the fact that the Bureau had affirmed [redacted] having improperly retained Bureau property, and, predicated thereon, [redacted] was being stricken from the rolls of the Society.

Mr. Nichols felt that it might be desirable for me to confirm to [redacted] did, in fact, improperly retain Bureau property and tell [redacted] that this information was for his personal knowledge and was not to be divulged by him in connection with any Executive Committee hearings on [redacted]. I am inclined to the view that there is no point in telling [redacted] this, for his personal information, since it would do [redacted] no good to have the information unless he could use it for the reasons above indicated.

It would give

[redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted]

There is no doubt in my mind that former Special Agent [redacted] is a scoundrel and thoroughly deserves to be "bounced" out of the Society of Former Special Agents or any other reputable organization with which he might be associated, but I do not feel that this is Bureau business.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that when I talk with [redacted] tomorrow I very courteously take the position that it is not possible or proper for the Bureau to state that [redacted] did or did not retain Bureau property illegally at the time of his resignation from the service.

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November 10, 1954

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Society of Former Special Agents

Honorable Gordon A. Philips  
Judge  
Municipal Court of Fieldsboro  
28 West State Street  
Trenton 8, New Jersey

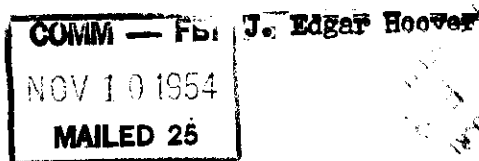
My dear Judge:

There is enclosed a short memorandum concerning our new firearms ranges at Quantico, Virginia, which you may wish to use as a basis for the article on firearms training in your December issue of "The Grapevine."

I hope that this material will prove satisfactory, and I know that some of the changes incorporated in the Bureau's firearms training will prove to be of interest to your readers.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Enclosure



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NOTE: Gordon A. Philips, EOD [redacted] assigned [redacted] [redacted] "The Grapevine" is the monthly publication of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. Judge Philips on November 2, 1954, acknowledged receipt of the new official photographs of the ranges and requested some information concerning them and any other interesting ~~sidelights~~ <sup>particulars</sup> concerning changes in the firearms courses which might be of interest to former Agents. The deadline deadline for delivery of this material is November 17, 1954.

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The new firearms ranges at Quantico are now in full operation. Stretching more than two thousand feet in length, the ranges are located west of U. S. Number One about three miles south of the main gate to the Marine Corps Base. The new ranges are adjacent to the Marines' newly constructed rifle and machine gun ranges.

The new firearms facilities include a rifle range with twenty-four firing points and butts at one hundred and two hundred yards; three practical pistol and machine gun courses; four skeet ranges; a surprise target course and an ornate "Hogan's Alley."

In addition to the actual ranges, there are a number of buildings including a workshop, office, classroom and a large mess hall. Full-course meals are delivered by truck from the Academy to the ranges where they are served from steam tables to the shooters. The range is served by black top roads and walks and, of great interest to all, there are no steps to climb.

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There have also been some changes made in the actual firing procedures. In the practical pistol course, for instance, the shooter now fires double action from a kneeling position at twenty-five yards and double action from the twenty-five yard right-hand barricade position. A great deal more emphasis is being placed on double action firing, and at the present time experiments are being conducted in firing the entire practical pistol course double action with a time limit of three minutes and thirty seconds. Several "possibles" have been fired by the firearms instructors at Quantico on the double action practical pistol course.

The "Hogan's Alley" is a severe test to the shooter. The course simulates the front of a row of retail establishments, and its doors and windows are filled with surprises. The targets are life-size photographs of individuals ranging from armed criminals to surrendering criminals and from innocent hunters to a child being held as hostage by a gunman. Electrically operated, the targets slide laterally to the windows and doors at a realistic rate of speed. They have been arranged in a perplexing manner which severely tests not only the Agent's marksmanship but also his vision and judgment.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF FIELDSBORO  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

GORDON A. PHILIPS  
JUDGE

28 WEST STATE STREET  
TRENTON 8, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

November 2, 1954

My dear Director:

On behalf of the Society, I desire to express my appreciation to you for the kind letter of October 26th together with the pictures of the new firearms range.

The GRAPEVINE would like to carry a full story in addition to the photos, and I would like at least 350 words about the new range, changes in the courses, if any, and other interesting sidelights which might add to the interest of the former agents. We can hold space until November 17th for such an article.

In the event it is impossible for you to prepare a story within our December deadline, we can write one here if you would send me some facts about the changes, etc.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon A. Philips*  
GORDON A. PHILIPS

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, District of Columbia

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November 16, 1954

Mr. Mortimer J. Davis  
President  
Society of Former Special Agents of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Hotel Roosevelt  
45th Street and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you very much for your telegram  
of November 13, 1954.

I was indeed happy to learn of the  
resolution which your organization has passed  
concerning your continuing support of the FBI.  
It was most thoughtful of you to advise me in  
that regard, and I hope you will express my  
personal appreciation to your fellow members.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: Mr. Davis EOD as SA [redacted] resigned  
[redacted] Files show no recent  
address for him, so this letter is addressed to the  
organization's address, per file.

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DIRECTOR FBI

THE SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS/OF THE FBI INC

HOLDING THEIR FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION REGRETS IT WAS

IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND ITS MEETING IN CHICAGO AND

EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU AND ASSURES YOU OF OUR

DESIRE TO FURTHER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE BUREAU.

PUBLIC DECLARATION OF OUR SUPPORT OF THE FBI UNDER YOUR

CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IS CONTAINED IN A RESOLUTION

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MORTIMER J DAVIS PRESIDENT

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 3, 1954

FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: SERVICE RECORD INQUIRIES FROM  
THE SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL  
AGENTS OF THE FBI

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The captioned organization by letter dated October 25, 1954, over the signature of William E. Bennett, Jr., Chairman, Membership Committee, has requested verification of Special Agent service of the following four former employees:

[Redacted]

As you know, this organization is unofficial and is not sponsored by the Bureau. The essential prerequisite for membership is understood to be service with the FBI as a Special Agent for a minimum period of one year.

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There is no indication in Bureau files that such a request has previously been received. The information requested is purely of a factual nature and the request is possibly due to the organization's membership requirement of one year as an FBI agent, it being noted that the four individuals concerned had short periods of service.

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Attachment

CC: Mr. L. B. Nichols

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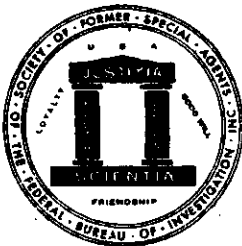
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It is felt that there is no objection to furnishing this information concerning their period of service as Special Agents since it is purely of a factual nature. It is believed, however, that in this and in possible similar future instances, that any additional information should not be given, as to the reason for the employee's resignation or comments as to the quality of his service.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the periods of service of the four former Special Agents mentioned in the incoming letter from the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI be verified as requested by them, but that no additional information be furnished such as comments as to the quality of service or the reasons for resignation. If you approve, an appropriate letter is attached.

(2) In the event similar inquiries are received in the future, that the information given be restricted to factual data as to the period of service and nothing additional be furnished.



Society of  
Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

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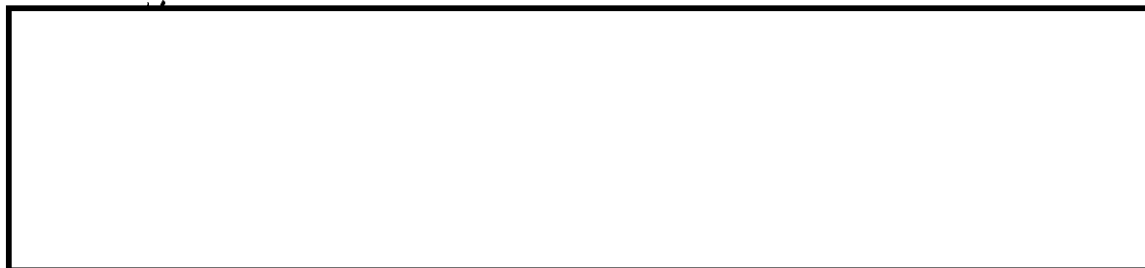
Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
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Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
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Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

October 25, 1954

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The following individuals have submitted applications for membership in the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. and have stated in their applications that they served as Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the period indicated below:



It will be of assistance to us if you would verify whether or not the claimed period of service for the 4 applicants is correct.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

I have not had the occasion to have any contact with the Bureau since I resigned as an Agent and wish to take this opportunity of adding my humble note of commendation.

Wishing you continued good health in the years ahead. I remain,

Sincerely,

William E. Bennett, Jr.

William E. Bennett, Jr.  
Chairman, Membership Committee

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 15, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: SERVICE RECORD INQUIRIES FROM THE  
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In accordance with instructions, my office contacted Mr. William E. Bennett, Jr., Chairman, Membership Committee, Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, at his offices [redacted] on November 15, 1954. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Bennett was advised briefly of the dates on which the Agents on whom he had previously inquired had entered on service in the FBI and the dates these Agents ceased duty. Mr. Bennett seemed particularly appreciative of this information. He asked for no further facts.

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November 29, 1954

[Redacted]  
Dear [Redacted]

It was a real pleasure to receive your note of November 23, 1954, and I am happy to have your reaction to my recent article in "The Grapevine." I will always be grateful for your continuing interest in the Bureau.

With all good wishes to your family,

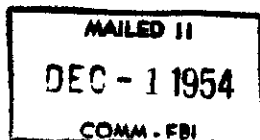
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: Former SA [Redacted] EOD [Redacted] and resigned [Redacted] has been active in the Society of Former Bureau Agents. [Redacted] however, was responsible for a breach of confidence when Mr. Nichols furnished him some data regarding former Agents who would not be desirable additions to the Society. [Redacted] was a close friend of the Director's.

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Tuesday, 11-23-54

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

It was certainly a pleasure for me to read your letter in the last issue of "The Grapevine." As one who has at all times attempted to close up the gap between the former special agents and the Bureau, your letter made me feel that progress is being made in this direction. I do concur that one who has served in the F.B.I. continues to carry a responsibility once he leaves the service and believe that his acts and deeds should reflect credit upon himself as well as the F.B.I. in which he so proudly states his former affiliations.

My very best wishes to you for continued success and the best of health.

Sincerely,

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November 19, 1954

*(Society of Former Agents)*Dear 

Your letter of November 15, 1954, has been received, and I deeply appreciate your kind words.






Your continuing interest and your generous comments about the Bureau and my administration of its activities are most gratifying. Thank you very much for writing in this regard.

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It was a pleasure to be able to send a message, by way of "The Grapevine," to those attending the convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note:  EOD as SA  resigned   
 Service satisfactory.  
On 6-17-53 his name, along with others, was furnished to  who had asked for the names of some former Agents whom he might hire as investigators.

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November 15, 1954

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*(Society of Former FBI Agents)*  
My wife, [ ] and I have just returned from attending the first national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. in Chicago.

It was certainly a thrilling and memorable experience to renew friendships with former agents and their wives.

It was a distinguished gathering of men from all walks of life all humble and proud of their former association with you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b6

You can be justly proud that the esprit de corps of the FBI is so great that it continues to bind men of varied creeds and interests together throughout their lives.

This is a personal tribute to you and the principles of Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity which you and the FBI exemplify.

May I commend you and thank you for your challenging message to all former agents recently printed in our magazine, the Grapevine.

Cordially,

[ ]



November 22, 1954

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FORMER FBI REPORT  
[Redacted]  
Dear [Redacted]

Many thanks for your letter of November 16, 1954, with which you so thoughtfully forwarded two copies of the Convention Program for the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., together with two copies of the supplemental list of members.

I am happy to learn that the Convention was such a success and regret that it was not possible for me to attend. I feel honored that so many of my former associates desire my presence at their next Convention. I hope that conditions will be such at that time that I will be able to attend. You realize, of course, that this event is a long way off and that the great demand placed on me makes my schedule most uncertain.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [Redacted] former SA of the FBI who EOD [Redacted]

[Redacted] It will be recalled that [Redacted] had his picture taken with the Director. [Redacted]

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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November 16, 1954

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith two copies of the Convention Program for the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., which was held in Chicago November 12-14, 1954.

The convention was a tremendous success and I feel confident that the New York group, who have controlled the Society in the past, now realize the value of placing the Society on a truly National basis. It has been decided to adopt the convention idea as a permanent plan and next years convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan sometime during the month of November.

I thought you would like to know that practically every member in attendance inquired as to whether you were going to be present during our stay in Chicago. When informed that you would not, they expressed their regrets and felt that you should definitely attend next years convention. I pass this along to you in the hopes that you will re-examine your policy with reference to the Society and will plan on attending the convention in 1955.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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# About New York

Ex-A's of F.B.I. Keep Reputation of Dignity  
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By MEYER BERGER

MORTIMER J. DAVIS, who was elected the other day as president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., is old-school F. B. I. He was a Department of Justice agent from 1917 to 1925, but got out when the bureau, as such, was only a year old.

He has worked on some famous cases—the Marcus Garvey Liberian fraud matter, the Wall Street explosion and a number of international narcotics cases. Now he is executive vice president of the New York Credit and Financial Management Association in a field that holds a lot of former F. B. I. men.

The society's convention in Chicago last week was what you'd expect—quiet, sober and dignified. It was so different from the hoopla assemblages you get at most male conventions that the hotel banquet manager was moved to remark on it. Mr. Davis, pretty much on the serious side himself, thinks F. B. I. training is responsible; the men are just not whoopee type.

Among themselves, former agents are "X-A's," their term for ex-agent. When Mr. Davis got into the service as a kid, starting as typist, there were no rigid requirements, but when the F. B. I. started in 1924, only men with college degrees and with some background in law or accounting, or both, became eligible.

The X-A's started their society in 1938. They have about 2,700 members in twenty-five chapters in as many cities, but that represents only half the former F. B. I. men in the country. The others have not joined, but the society is growing, especially in the larger cities—Washington, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

The organization has no official ties with the F. B. I. It is registered as a fraternal group without political aims. Members in one city will help members in another in a business way, if called on, but there's nothing in the by-laws to compel that. Most of the men are in law, insurance, accounting or investigation. A few have their own investigation agencies.

The membership is scattered pretty much around the world now. You'll run across X-A's in Arabia, Hawaii, the British Isles, South America, among other places. Mostly, in far-off corners, they work for American industrial concerns. The society's main headquarters is in the Roosevelt Hotel here.

You could almost have guessed the name they picked

for their official monthly publication—The Grapevine. One other national outfit has a magazine with the same title. The X-A's wondered for a while whether they shouldn't do something about that, but finally decided not to. The other "Grapevine" is put out by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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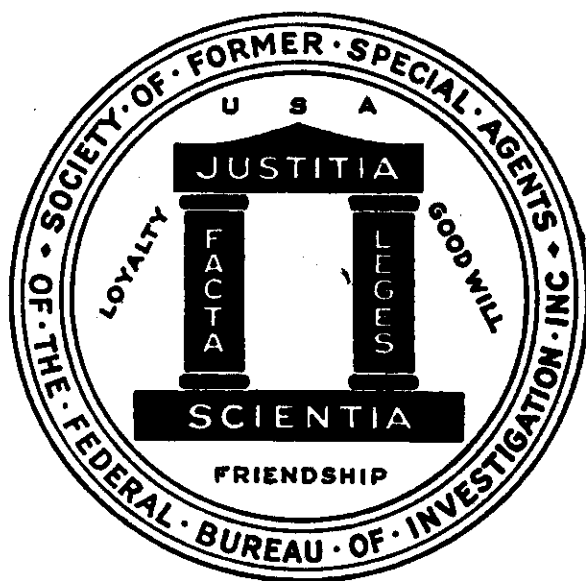
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**FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**The Conrad Hilton Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois**

**November 12-14, 1954**

## *Our Standards High*

Today we meet as brothers who . . . Have served the  
FBI . . . And who have pledged each other now . . . To  
keep our standards high . . . In loyalty and friendship  
to . . . Promote our common good . . . With faith in  
God, our Government . . . And every neighborhood . . .  
It is the first convention of . . . Our great Society . . .  
And may our future make its mark . . . In golden history  
. . . We help each other, but we strive . . . For all our  
nation too . . . As we are loyal citizens . . . In every-  
thing we do . . . So may our hearts be joined today . . .  
To keep our standards high . . . As we are glad and  
proud that we . . . Have served the FBI.

James J. Metcalfe  
Author of *Poem Portraits*  
(FBI, 1931-35)

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### Ladies' Committee

We are greatly indebted to the wives of the Chicago Chapter Members for their untiring efforts in making a success of The First National Convention.



## CHAPTER DELEGATES

Chapter	Official Delegate	Alternates
Los Angeles, California .....	A. Ross Miller	
San Francisco, California .....	Carl Hughes	Fred Dupuis Harold Nathan Nicholas Alaga
Denver, Colorado .....	W. R. Cornelison	
Bridgeport, Connecticut .....	Hugo P. Blandori	
Washington, D. C. ....	James M. McInerney	
Miami, Florida .....	Walter E. Dence	Nathaniel J. Klein
Atlanta, Georgia .....	Lee Jerkins	
Chicago, Illinois .....	Eugene X. Humphrey	
Peoria, Illinois .....	Joseph Horn	
Indianapolis, Indiana .....	F. L. (Doc) Liggitt	William H. Williamson Robert Pruyn
Cedar Rapids, Iowa .....	Edward J. Distelhorst	
Des Moines, Iowa .....	Robert C. Phillips	
Louisville, Kentucky .....	James B. Young	Paul Hansen Ed Hays Bemis Lawrence Ed Robbins Nelson Perry
New Orleans, Louisiana .....	Forrest Pendleton	Fernando J. Cuquet, Jr. Dudley Foley Harold B. Judell
Boston, Massachusetts .....	John V. Moran	Thomas McArdle George Callahan
Detroit, Michigan .....	David E. Burgess	
Minneapolis, Minnesota .....	Bert J. Landree	
Kansas City, Missouri .....	Wayne S. Murphy	
St. Louis, Missouri .....	J. B. Bushyhead	
Omaha, Nebraska .....	Leslie Carter	

## CHAPTER DELEGATES — (continued)

Chapter	Official Delegate	Alternates
Newark, New Jersey .....	Raymond Sprow	Thomas J. Wilkinson John W. O'Brien
Buffalo, New York .....	Ralph J. Gregg	John E. Leach
Cincinnati, Ohio .....	John H. Heilker	
Cleveland, Ohio .....	William F. Smith	J. Robert Wilson
Columbus, Ohio .....	Robert Pumphrey	Edward L. Hughes
Dayton, Ohio .....	Wade H. Alley	
Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	Louis P. Myers	Carl H. King
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ....	Austin Gunsel	Eugene J. Charters
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania .....	James A. Carlson	
Dallas, Texas .....	Bill Billings	Gordon Carpenter Don Johnson Hugh Steger
Houston, Texas .....	Gus T. Jones	Carl B. Sherman
Salt Lake City, Utah .....	James Beless	Richard Van Winkle Philip V. Christenson
Seattle, Washington .....	W. J. Pennington	
Milwaukee, Wisconsin .....	Harry J. Hayes	
FOREIGN		
Mexico City .....	Judd A. Austin	

**PROGRAM**  
**The Conrad Hilton Hotel**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1954**

- 12:00 noon **Registration of Members**  
to  
6:00 P. M. Registration desk: Third Floor, North Assembly Room (Hospitality Room)
- 2:00 P. M. **Delegates Conference — Room 2, Third Floor**  
to  
4:30 P. M. William J. Rooney, presiding. Discussion of proposed chapter By-laws; changes in Society's constitution and By-laws; purposes of the Society; Chapter identity; dues; purpose and responsibility of proposed Executive Secretary; Resolutions.
- 5:00 P. M. **Reception and Cocktail Party — Williford Room, Third Floor**  
to  
7:00 P. M. Chicago Chapter hosts to visiting members and wives.  
(Admission by Registration Badge.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1954**

- 8:30 A. M. **Delegates' Breakfast — Room 4, Third Floor**  
Limited to Chapter Delegates and National Officers.
- 9:30 A. M. **Membership Committee — Room 1, Third Floor**  
to  
11:00 A. M. William E. Bennett, Jr., presiding; assisted by Donald R. McVay.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Activity report for 1954.  
II. Committee problems.  
A. Processing applications.  
B. Applicant's inability to give references.  
C. Treatment of derogatory information.  
III. Chapter assistance to National Committee.  
IV. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Insurance Committee — Room 3, Third Floor**  
to  
11:00 A. M. Mortimer J. Davis, presiding; assisted by Charles H. Buresh, Jr.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Review of Society's plan (a representative of Continental Assurance Company will participate).  
A. Coverage provided by plan.  
B. Participating members and benefits paid.  
C. Society's responsibility.  
II. Ways and means to increase membership participation.  
A. Should participation be mandatory for new members.  
B. Periodic reopening to admit members not covered.  
III. Discussion of proposed Group Health and Accident Insurance.  
IV. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Placement Committee — Room 12, Fourth Floor**  
to  
11:00 A. M. Harold M. Perry presiding; Assisted by George M. Stevens, Jr.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Report on placement experience 1954.  
II. Problems confronting placement committee.  
III. Chapter placement activity versus national activity.  
IV. Should placement possibilities be publicized in the GRAPEVINE?  
V. Open Forum.

## PROGRAM — (continued)

- 9:30 A. M. **Public Relations Committee** — Room 13, Fourth Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. John W. Vincent, presiding; assisted by John A. Lynch.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Annual report by Chairman.  
II. Objectives and Limitations.  
A. Reporting useful items to national headquarters.  
III. Integration of Chapter and National activities.  
IV. Proposed program for 1955.
- 9:30 A. M. **Entertainment Committee** — Room 10, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Gerard B. Tracy, presiding; assisted by Lloyd H. Richmond.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Report of Committee for 1954.  
II. Analysis of Chapter entertainment programs by Ralph Brown.  
III. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Grapevine Committee** — Room 2, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Gordon A. Philips, presiding; assisted by William I. Conway.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Source material.  
II. Necessity for lead dates and early reporting of material.  
III. Should GRAPEVINE be self sustaining through paid advertisements?  
IV. Report on 1954 GRAPEVINE.
- 11:00 A. M. **1955 Convention Committee** — West Ball Room, Third Floor  
Robert M. Dore, President, presiding; assisted by John A. Breen.  
Committee will receive proposals from Chapters seeking sponsorship of 1955 National Convention.
- 12:00 noon **Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show** — Wedgewood Room,  
Marshall Field & Company  
Chicago Chapter — Hosts. (Admission by Registration Badge.)  
(Transportation available 11:30 A. M., from 8th Street entrance of The  
Conrad Hilton Hotel.)
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Business Executives** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, U. J. Gerdes.  
Guest Speaker, Everette B. Harris, President, Chicago Mercantile Exchange.  
Topic: "Government and Business — Past, Present and Future."
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Lawyers** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, Hon. Alfonse F. Wells.  
Guest Speaker, James A. Dooley, Past President, National Association of  
Claimants' Compensation Attorneys.  
Topic: "Advocacy in Trial Courts."
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Security Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Industrial  
Relations Managers and Investigators** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, Delbert L. Wood.  
Guest Speakers: Panel of Five Specialists who will discuss investigative  
problems in their respective industries.

## **PROGRAM — (continued)**

- 2:00 P. M. General Membership Meeting** — North Ball Room, Third Floor  
Robert M. Dore, National President, presiding.  
I. Call to order.  
II. Introduction of National Officers and Chicago Committee Chairman.  
III. Report of the President.  
IV. Committee Reports.  
V. Report of delegates' conference and presenting of resolutions.  
VI. Announcement of 1955 Convention city.  
VII. Introduction of recipient of "Award of Merit."  
VIII. Report of Ballot Committee and announcement of new officers.  
IX. Introduction of new National Officers.
- 6:15 P. M. Reception for New Officers** — North Ball Room, Third Floor  
Cocktails.
- 7:15 P. M. Banquet** — Williford Ball Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, James J. Metcalfe.  
Invocation, Rev. James T. Hussey, President Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.  
Introduction of Distinguished Guests.  
The Mayor of Chicago, Hon. Martin J. Kennelly.  
Presentation of Scroll to outgoing President, Robert M. Dore.  
Presentation of "Award of Merit".  
Acceptance Speech of new President.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1954**

### **Morning Church Attendance**

(Note: Non-denominational Services are held at 11:00 A. M., in the Upper Tower, The Conrad Hilton Hotel.)

- 1:00 P. M. General Membership Meeting and Closing** — North Ball Room, Third Floor  
Unfinished Business.

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## REGISTRATION LIST

Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
ALAGA, NICHOLAS	San Francisco, Calif.	1937-47	Lawyer
ALBERS, GORDON D.	Austin, Minn.	1947-52	Manager, Western Car Route Div., Geo. A. Hormel & Co.
ALLEN, CHARLES B.	Boston, Mass.	1942-45	Certified Public Ac- countant, Investiga- tor
ALLEY, WADE H.	Dayton, Ohio	1942-51	Business Manager, Miami Valley Broad- casting Corp.
ALLISON, HERBERT M.	Villa Park, Ill.	1941-53	Employee Relations Staff, Sears, Roebuck
ALTSCHUL, A. KENNETH	Miami, Fla.	1950-52	Partner, Special Agent, Investigators
ANDERSON, JOHN V.	Minneapolis, Minn.	1930-41	Property Protection En- gineer, Northern State Power Co.
ANGELL, H. FRANK	Hollywood, Calif.	1938-45	Owner, Investigations
ATKINSON, JOHN	Chicago, Ill.	1941-47	
AUSTIN, JUDD A.	Mexico City, Rep. of Mex.	1942-47	Attorney at Law
BAKER, JOHN F.	Chicago, Ill.	1941-46	Investment Counselor, Baker, Walsh & Co.
BARNARD, COL. LEROY H.	Arlington, Va.	1936-42	Colonel, USAF Retired
BATCH, RALPH F.	Short Hills, N. J.	1935-43	Corporate Officer, C-O- Two Fire Equipment Co.
BAYLISS, JOSEPH E.	Sault Ste Marie, Mich.	1921-28	Retired
BELESS, JAMES W. JR.	Salt Lake City, Utah	1941-45	Attorney
BELL, MARSHALL J.	Park Ridge, Ill.		Assistant Treasurer, Bowser, Inc.
BELLAMY, JOHN W.	Petoskey, Mich.	1939-44	Pros. Attorney
BELLINO, CARMINE S.	Washington, D. C.	1934-45	Certified Public Ac- countant
BERENS, AL G.	Rochester, Minn.	1933-42	Attorney, Mayo Clinic
BERRY, ALFRED B.	Huntington, N. Y.	1941-46	Executive, C.B.S., Inc.
BIELASKI, A. BRUCE	New York, N. Y.	1909-19	Assistant General Man- ager, National Board of Fire Underwriters
BIELSKI, RICHARD M.	Sioux Falls, So. Dak.	1942-44	State's Attorney
BILLINGS, WILLIAM F.	Dallas, Texas	1940-51	Legal-Personnel, Hunt Oil Co.
BLANDORI, HUGO P.	Old Greenwich, Conn.	1941-53	Investigator—Director
BLUE, GEORGE R.	New Orleans, La.	1940-45	Lawyer, U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
BOGGS, RALPH S., Toledo, Ohio		1942-45	Attorney, Boggs, Boggs & Boggs
BRAATHEN, CLAYTON A., Detroit, Mich.		1934-42	Investigator, Ford Motor
BRAUN, WILLIAM C., Chicago, Ill.		1927-30	Chief Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
BREEN, JOHN A., Winnetka, Ill.		1942-46	Attorney
BREESE, CHARLES P., Louisville, Ky.		1937-45	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
BRENNAN, JOHN E., St. Louis, Mo.		1919-51	Electrical Engineer
BREUEL HAROLD C., Miami, Fla.		1942-46	Counsel, American Air-motive Corp.
BROWN, EVERETT W., No. Hollywood, Calif.		1936-40	Private Investigator
BROWN, RALPH D., New York, N. Y.		1930-39	Director, Public Relations, J. C. Penney Co.
BUNDY, EDWARD A., Itasca, Ill.		1943-48	Verve Adv. Art Studio, Owner
BURESH, CHARLES H. Jr., Evanston, Ill.		1942-45	Insurance Broker
BURGESS, DAVID E., Detroit, Mich.		1941-45	Attorney
BUSHYHEAD, JAMES B., Webster Groves, Mo.		1941-46	Vice President, Moog Industries
CAHILL, WILLIAM T., Camden, N. J.		1937-38	Law practice
CALLAHAN, GEORGE A., Sharon, Mass.		1934-39	NYNH & HRR — Protection Manager
CAMPBELL, ROBERT J., Indianapolis, Ind.		1939-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
CANNON, CARROLL C., Forrest City, Ark.		1942-46	Lawyer
CARLSON, JAMES A., Pittsburgh, Pa.		1940-51	Assistant Vice President, Westinghouse Air Brake Co.
CARPENTER, GORDAN R., Dallas, Texas		1942-46	Executive-Secretary, Southwestern Legal Foundation
CARROLL, JOHN T., Rochelle, Ill.		1942-45	Furniture Mfg., Partner
CARROLL, WILLIAM P. Jr., Glenview, Ill.		1942-47	Lawyer & Investigator, Investigators, Inc.
CARTER, KEITH, Omaha, Nebr.		1941-45	
CARTER, LESLIE D., Omaha, Nebr.		1941-45	Attorney
CARTWRIGHT, ROBERT F., Washington, D.C.		1929-50	Deputy Administrator, Dept. of State
CASSILLI, ERNEST C., Pompano Beach, Fla.		1942-45	Owner-Apt.-Motel



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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
CHAFFETZ, MAXWELL, Philadelphia, Pa.		1930-46	President, Pretz-L Products Corp.
CHAPMAN, JOHN V., Davenport, Iowa		1941-46	Lawyer
CHAPMAN, ROBERT C., Park Ridge, Ill.		1929-34	Special Agent in Charge, Association of Casualty & Surety Cos.
CHARTERS, EUGENE J., Philadelphia, Pa.		1934-46	Private Investigations, E. J. Charters Associates
CHASEN, ROBERT E., New York, N.Y.		1943-52	Assistant to Director, Industrial Relations Security, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.
CHRISTENSEN, DELBERT L., Elmhurst, Ill.		1941-46	Secretary-Treasurer, Flex-O-Glass
CHRISTENSON, PHILLIP V., Orem, Utah		1941-45	Lawyer
CHRISTIENSEN, NORMAN J., Park Ridge, Ill.			Labor Relations Assistant, American Newspaper Publisher's Association
CLARY, VICTOR R., Arkon, Ohio		1934-37	Manager, Sales Accounting, Firestone
COLLINS, HAROLD J. Chicago, Ill.		1940-46	Manager — Manufacturing
CONDON, DONALD J., Cedar Rapids, Iowa		1941-45	Attorney
CONDRY, JOSEPH P., Charleston, W. Va.		1941-44	Lawyer—Commissioner, Dept. of Motor Vehicles
CONERTY, JAMES E., Wilmette, Ill.		1941-47	President, The Waters Co.
CONNOR, JAMES W. St. Louis, Mo.		1934-38	Operating Director, St. Louis Crime Commission
CONRAD, OSCAR J., JR., Kirkwood, Mo.		1942-45	Vice-Pres. and Treasurer, Conrad, Inc.
CONSIDINE, DANIEL VINCENT, Lake Forest, Ill.		1941-44	Vice President & Treasurer, John T. Shayne
CONWAY, WILLIAM I., Oak Park, Ill.		1928-33	Lawyer
COOK, DONALD D., Columbus, Ohio		1941-48	Administrative Assistant, Ohio State Auditors
COOK, ROBERT E., Milwaukee, Wis.		1950-51	Attorney
COOMBS, EUGENE G., Wichita, Kans.		1937-44	Attorney at Law—Owner Beechcraft Distributor, Halli-crafter Distributor
CORNELISON, WM. R., Wheat Ridge, Colo.		1935-48	Director of Security, Dow Chemical Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
CORRIGAN, WILLIAM H., Allen Park, Mich.		1940-47	Manager, Security De- partment, Ford Mo- tor Co.
CRUISE, BENEDICT P., Hays, Kansas		1934-45	Attorney
DALE, GEORGE N., Chicago, Ill.		1921-28	Newspaper Association Executive
DANNENBERG, W. C., Chicago, Ill.		1908-12	Civil & Criminal Inves- tigations
DAVIS, JAMES A., Cincinnati, Ohio		1942-53	Plant Security Officer, G. E.
DAVIS, MORTIMER J., New York, N. Y.		1917-25	Executive Vice Presi- dent, Credit Associa- tion
DAVIS, ROY W., Richmond, Va.		1942-48	Assistant Treasurer, Reynolds Metals Co.
DAVIS, THOMAS O., Decatur, Ga.		1942-47	Lawyer — Davis & Stringer
DEAN, JOSEPH E., JR., Milwaukee, Wis.		1941-47	Attorney, McGraw Elec- tric Co.
DENCE, WALTER E., Miami, Fla.		1934-46	Attorney
DILLARD, GEORGE P., Decatur, Ga.		1940-53	Lawyer
DISTELHORST, EDWARD J., Cedar Rapids, Iowa		1942-46	District Claims Mana- ger, Insurance
DIXON, LAVERNE A., Gurnee, Ill.		1942-46	Attorney
DOERMER, JOHN J., Evanston, Ill.		1941-53	Special Agent, Associa- tion of Casualty & Surety Cos.
DORE, ROBERT M., Brooklyn, N. Y.		1941-45	Account Executive Le- win, Williams and Saylor Advertising Agency
DOWD, JOHN J., Chicago, Ill.		1941-46	Lawyer
DOYLE, JOHN A., Del. Co., Pa.		1941-45	Vice President, John H. McClatchy, Inc. Real Estate and In- vestment Business
DOYLE, JOHN H., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.		1940-45	Certified Public Ac- countant
DRISCOLL, CLEMENT J., Chicago, Ill.		1941-46	Attorney, Armour & Co.
DWYER, EUGENE J., Gary, Indiana		1951-53	International Represen- tative, American Fed- eral Labor
ECHLIN, LEWIS H., Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.		1940-44	Investigator, Ford Mo- tor Co.
EGAN, J. S., Washington, D. C.		1922-52	Accountant
FARLEY, JOHN J., Cincinnati, Ohio		1942-45	Attorney
FARLEY, JOSEPH H., LaGrange Park, Ill.		1934-39	Attorney, Veterans Ad- ministration
FARRIN, MICHAEL H., Chicago, Ill.		1939-52	Legal—Bankers Life & Casualty Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
FELLNER, JOSEPH G.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1937-52	Manager — Security Dept. Miller Brewing Company
FERNANDEZ, ANTHONY S.,	Cleveland, Ohio	1943-53	Research Associates, Inc.
FILTER, PATRICK S.,	Chicago, Ill.	1942-44	Attorney—Partner Castle, Brintlinger & Carey
FISH, WILLIAM R.,	Independence, Mo.	1947-50	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
FISHER, JOHN M.,	Maywood, Ill.	1947-53	Employee Relations, Sears Roebuck
FITCH, LOUIS H.,	Springfield, Ohio	1942-45	Business Manager— College
FITZPATRICK, JAMES A.,	Watertown, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer
FITZPATRICK, WILLIAM P.,	Peoria, Ill.	1947-51	Asst. Chief Plant Pro- tection, Caterpillar Tractor Co.
FITZSIMMONS, LEO J.,	Newark, N. J.	1942-52	Lawyer
FLAVIN, GEORGE V.,	Quincy, Mass.	1941-46	Attorney
FOLEY, DUDLEY C.,	New Orleans, La.	1942-45	Lawyer
FOLTZ, EDWIN J.,	Gladwyne, Pa.	1941-51	Asst. Director, Person- nel Adm., Campbell Soup Co.
FRISCH, JOHN B.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-50	Attorney
FRY, CHARLIE,	Springfield, Ohio	1942-45	President, Metropoli- tan Homes, Inc.
FRYE, GEORGE J., JR.,	Jenkintown, Pa.	1942-53	Personnel Director, Pie- secki Helicopter Corp.
GAHLON, MAURITZ E.,	Downers Grove, Ill.	1941-53	Management Engineer, Argonne National La- boratory
GAQUIN, THOMAS E.,	West Roxbury, Mass.	1941-46	Asst. Director Investi- gations, John Han- cock Life
GELL, LEON J.,	Chicago, Ill.	1926-28	Asst. Vice President, Banker
GERDES, U. J.,	Glenview, Ill.	1934-45	Member Chicago Board of Trade
GHERTY, LAWRENCE P.,	Hudson, Wis.	1942-47	Lawyer
GIBBS, RICHARD S.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Attorney
GIDDENS, WILLARD A.,	Lakewood, Ohio	1934-42	Treasurer, Hupp Corp.
GILL, JOHN D.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1942-44	Manager & Attorney, Finance
GILLESPIE, TYRONE,	Midland, Mich.	1940-43	Asst. to President, Dow Chemical Co.
GLEASON, JOHN P.,	Toledo, Ohio	1938-46	Sales Manager, Kimble Glass Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
GRANTHAM, GORDON	Jackson, Miss.	1937-45	Attorney
GRASSY, FRANK T.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	1940-51	Director of Industrial Relations, Miller Brewing Co.
GRAY, WILLIAM O.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1942-46	Attorney
GREGG, RALPH J.	Buffalo, N. Y.	1940-46	Lawyer, Partner
GROSSMAN, Ernest D.	St. Paul, Minn.	1940-46	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
GUNSEL, AUSTIN H.	Narberth, Pa.	1939-52	Chief Investigator, National Football League
HALL, FRED H.	Bethesda, Md.	1940-51	Special Agent, Investigative
HANLEY, JAMES A.	Joliet, Ill.	1942-48	Sales Manager, Winston Chevrolet Co.
HANSEN, PAUL	Louisville, Ky.	1930-36	Director of Security, Reynolds Metals Co.
HAYES, HARRY J.	Milwaukee, Wis.	1941-45	Lawyer and Investigator
HAYES, PAUL J.	Elmhurst, Ill.	1935-48	Director of Security, Argonne National Laboratory
HAYS, EDWARD R.	Pikeville, Ky.	1942-46	Lawyer
HECKER, J. EARL	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	1947-52	Attorney
HEIDINGER, LAMONT H.	Edwardsville, Illinois	1941-50	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
HEILKER, JOHN H.	Cincinnati, Ohio	1934-37	Lawyer
HENNESSEY, JOHN F.	Oak Park, Ill.	1941-45	Industrial Relations Manager
HENTHORN, EVERETT I.	South Bend, Indiana	1924-30	Salesman, Studebaker Co.
HINDERAKER, HUGH H.	Hartland, Wis.	1940-45	President, Publisher
HITCHCOCK, J. GARETH	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1940-42	Protection Supt., Joseph Horne Co.
HOEHLE, ROBERT E.	Chicago, Ill.	1951-53	Assoc. of American Railroads
HOEFLING, JAMES K.	Dayton, Ohio	1941-46	Lawyer
HOLMES, JOHN E.	Detroit, Mich.	1940-51	Private Investigator, Owner
HORN, JOSEPH	Peoria, Ill.	1934-46	Grain, Owner
HORN, WALTER W.	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	1943-46	President, Cinder Block, Inc.
HOWES, WILLIAM B.	Davenport, Iowa	1942-46	Owner, Farming
HUBARTT, RUSSELL J.	Elkhart, Ind.	1943-46	General Agency, Insurance
HUCKEBY, PAUL B.	Atlanta, Ga.	1950-51	Lawyer

# REGISTRATION LIST — (continued)

Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
HUGHES, CARL W.,	Berkeley, Calif.	1918-26	Promotion Manager, Bowling
HUGHES, EDWARD L.,	Columbus, Ohio	1942-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
HUMPHREY, EUGENE X.,	Chicago, Ill.	1935-41	Industrial Relations Di- rector, Locomotives, General Motors
HUNSBERGER, HAROLD E.,	Traverse City, Mich.	1942-45	Judge of Probate Court
HUNSINGER, GEORGE M.,	Cincinnati, Ohio	1950-52	Security Supervisor, General Electric Co.
HUTCHINSON, DUDLEY I.,	Boulder, Colo.	1941-46	Attorney
JALBERT, JOSEPH T.,	North Smithfield, Rhode Island	1950-53	Security, Schenley In- dustries
JAMES, JOHN J.,	Elgin, Ill.	1925-29	Administrative Officer, U. S. Dept. of Agri- culture, Food Distri- bution Division
JANAS, STEPHEN E.,	Elmhurst, Ill.	1947-53	Sales, Thomas A. Edison
JARDINE, DONALD M.,	St. Paul, Minn.	1942-46	Attorney
JEHRING, ROBERT B.,	Muscatine, Iowa		Attorney
JENKINS, CHARLES,	Chicago, Ill.	1913-40	Court Observer, Chica- go Crime Commission
JENKINS, JAMES S.,	Dayton, Ohio	1942-46	Attorney
JENNINGS, WILLIAM H.,	Rockford, Ill.	1942-46	Treasurer, Dept. Store
JOHNSON, ALBERT H.,	Chicago, Ill.	1929-42	Investigators, Inc., Pres. of Company
JOHNSON, DONWORTH D.,	Fort Worth, Texas	1938-48	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
JOHNSON, HERBERT J., JR.,	Erie, Pa.	1942-45	Attorney
JOHNSON, RAYMOND W.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1940-54	Asst. to President, Insurance
JONES, GUS T.,	San Antonio, Texas	1916-44	Manager, Industrial Re- lations, Public Rela- tions
JUDELL, HAROLD B.,	New Orleans, La.	1939-44	Attorney
KANE, CHARLES W.,	Hyattsville, Md.	1947-50	Investigator, U. S. Gov- ernment
KARCHER, ABRAM V.,	Big Spring, Texas	1931-37	Sec'y-Treasurer, Cosden Petroleum Corp.
KAVANAUGH, JOHN S.,	Chicago, Ill.	1934-36	Attorney
KEATING, JOHN J.,	New York, N. Y.	1922-54	Investigations Consult- ant
KELLEHER, CYRIL A.,	New York, N. Y.	1942-45	Attorney
KELLY, JAMES T., JR.,	St. Paul, Minn.	1951-53	Agent, Life Insurance
KENNEDY, J. CULLEN,	Grosse Pointe, Mich.	1940-45	Attorney, Partner

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
KING, CARL H.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1940-45	Attorney, Stanolind Oil & Gas Company
KING, ROBERT L.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1938-45	Vice President, Southern Comfort Corp.
KITTELSEN, RODNEY O.,	Monroe, Wis.	1940-45	Lawyer, District Attorney
KLEIN, NATHANIEL J.,	Miami Beach, Florida	1942-44	Attorney, Partner
KOPP, FREDERICK P.,	Columbus, Ohio	1942-45	General Counsel, W. M. Ritter Lumber Co.
KOWALCZYK, GEORGE,	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1942-43	Lawyer, Partner
KRAMER, RUSSELL P.,	Denver, Colo.	1934-51	President, Insurance
KUBICEK, THEODORE L.,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1942-46	Lawyer
LAIL, JAMES W.,	Denver, Colo.	1942-52	Private Investigator
LANDREE, BERT J.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1943-44	Claims Attorney, Claims Manager
LARSEN, A. ERNEST,	New York, N. Y.	1937-45	Assistant Controller, Railway Express Agency
LARSON, STIG A.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1941-49	Personnel Director, Economics Laboratory, Inc.
LAWRENCE, H. BEMIS,	Louisville, Ky.	1940-46	Lawyer
LAWRENCE, RICHARD W.,	Washington, D. C.	1941-51	Private Investigations, Owner
LEACH, JOHN E.,	Buffalo, N. Y.	1942-45	Attorney
LEHMAN, WALLACE H.,	Pewaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Service Manager, The Heil Co.
LEMAIRE, ARNOLD J.,	Louisville, Ky.	1934-41	Attorney
LE PORE, RALPH F.,	Wheeling, W. Va.	1941-49	Vice Chairman, West Virginia Racing Commission
LEVVIS, WALTER E.,	Rockford, Ill.	1941-53	Asst. to Secretary-Treasurer, The Ingersoll Milling Machine Co.
LEYDEN, DONALD J.,	St. Paul, Minn.	1951-53	Director of Public Relations, Education, College of St. Thomas
LOCKREM, J. DUDLEY,	Western Springs, Ill.	1941-45	Vice President & Secretary, Tool Manufacturing
LOOK, RICHARD W.,	Wyandotte, Mich.	1941-45	Attorney
LYNCH, JOHN A.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-46	Certified Public Accountant, Owner
LYNCH, JOHN T.,	Roseville, Mich.	1943-53	Director, John T. Lynch Investigations
LYONS, RAYMOND M.,	Dearborn, Mich.	1940-44	Manager, Labor Relations

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
MC CALLUM, RALPH G.,	Wilmette, Ill.	1930-34	Executive, Insurance
MC CARTHY, JUSTIN H.,	Chicago, Ill.	1930-30	Lawyer, Government Veterans Administra- tion
MC DEVITT, THOMAS F.,	Philadelphia, Pa.	1941-53	Attorney
MC FEELY, DENNIS E.,	Hoboken, N. J.	1941-44	Investigator
MC GREEVY, JAMES R.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1941-46	Attorney
MC INERNEY, JAMES M.,	Washington, D. C.	1935-38	Attorney
MC LAUGHLIN, JOHN JOSEPH,	Boston, Mass.	1942-46	Lawyer
MC MAHON, RICHARD M.,	Davenport, Iowa	1942-48	Lawyer
MC VAY, DONALD R.,	Wilmette, Ill.	1942-45	American Newspaper Publishers Assn.
McVAY, JOE A.,	Huntington, W. Va.	1942-45	Attorney
MAIN, ROGER L.,	Jacksonville, Fla.	1926-34	President, St. Joe Paper Co.
MARLETTE, LLOYD V.,	Port Huron, Mich.	1942-46	Lawyer
MARTIN, ELMOND L.,	Lexington, Ky.	1942-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MARTIN, JOHN L.,	Waynesboro, Pa.	1939-51	Secretary, Martin Freight Service, Inc.
MARTINEK, FRANK V.,	Chicago, Ill.	1921-25	Asst. Vice President, Standard Oil Co.
MAY, ALFRED A.,	Detroit, Mich.	1929-31	Attorney
MAY, ROBERT E.,	Park Forest, Ill.	1947-53	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MAX, C. WILLARD,	Olivette, Mo.	1941-46	Lawyer
MEIXNER, EARL L.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer, Sr. Partner
MELBY, ARTHUR L.,	Gautemala, C. A.	1941-45	A. L. Melby Agencies, Owner
MELTON, HAROLD, JR.,	Charleston, W. Va.	1942-45	Manager, Universal Cast Stone Co. Mfg.
METCALFE, JAMES J.,	Dallas, Texas	1931-35	Author
MEYER, HAROLD E.,	Salt Lake City, Utah	1943-50	Owner, Oil & Uranium Exploration & Pub- lishing
MILLER, A. ROSS,	Los Angeles, Calif.	1934-41	Director, Industrial Se- curity, North Ameri- can Aviation
MILLER, WILLIAM J.,	Western Springs, Ill.	1934-38	
MITCHELL, FRANK S.,	Greenwich, Conn.	1938-52	Industrial Relations, Thermix Corp.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
MITCHELL, W. H.,	Detroit, Mich.	1941-46	Security Supervisor, Plant Security Sec- tion, Ford Motor Co.
MOHNEY, BLAKE I.,	Adrian, Mich.	1947-52	Industrial Relations Di- rector, Plating
MOHRMAN, ROY W.,	Chicago, Ill.	1941-53	Chief of Protection, Wieboldt Stores, Inc.
MORAN, JOHN V.,	Boston, Mass.	1941-47	Attorney
MORROW, JAMES H., JR.,	Bozeman, Montana	1942-45	Lawyer
MORGAN, EDWARD P.,	Washington, D. C.	1940-47	Lawyer, Welch, Mott & Morgan
MORROW, PATRICK J.,	Onawa, Iowa	1942-46	Lawyer
MURPHY, FREDERICK F.,	Westchester, Ill.	1946-51	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MURPHY, SAMUEL B.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1941-46	Lawyer, Barrett, Cook & Fairfield
MURPHY, WAYNE S.,	Mission, Kansas	1929-52	Manager-Director, Kansas City Crime Commission
MUZZEY, A. A.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-45	Supervisory Investiga- tor, USAF (IG) OSI
MYERS, LOUIS P.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1942-45	Vice President, Oil Producer
NEFF, ROBERT W.,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1942-45	Lawyer
NELSON, CHARLES M.,	Genoa, Ill.	1942-46	Attorney
NEWBY, JOHN E.,	LaPorte, Ind.	1941-51	Attorney, Partner, Con- boy & Newby
NOELKE, PAUL,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer, Partner, Lines, Spooner & Quarles
OBLINGER, WALTER L.,	Springfield, Ill.	1939-51	Lawyer
O'BRIEN, JOHN W.,	Plainfield, N. J.	1941-45	Lawyer
O'CONNOR, DAN,	Washington, D. C.	1939-45	Lawyer
O'CONNOR, WILLIAM J.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1941-51	Lawyer, Wisconsin Ice & Coal Co.
OSBORNE, E. VERNON,	Cincinnati, Ohio	1946-52	Deputy Security Officer, G. E.
OTTESEN, ROBERT G.,	Belleville, Ill.	1942-46	Lawyer
OWENS, DON G.,	Memphis, Tenn.	1941-44	Attorney
PANSZE, ART J.,	Casper, Wyoming	1941-46	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
PAPPAS, JAMES L.,	Lansing, Ill.	1948-54	Dept. Supervisor, West- ern Adjustment & In- spection Co.
PARKS, JESSE C., JR.,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1939-44	Attorney
PARRISH, GEORGE T.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1942-47	Asst. Zone Manager, Pontiac Div., General Motors



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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
PEARCY, JOHNSTON L.	St. Louis, Mo.	1940-47	Supv. of Spec. Inves., Transit Casualty Co.
PENDLETON, FORREST C.	New Orleans, La.	1911-20	Investigator, President
PENNINGTON, W. J.	Seattle, Washington	1942-46	Comptroller, The Seat- tle Times (Newspa- per)
PEPPLE, GEORGE L.	Goshen, Indiana	1942-45	Lawyer
PERRIN, CHARLES E.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	1940-47	Asst. Chief Special Agent, Illinois Cen- tral R. R.
PERRY, HAROLD M.	Summit, N. J.	1942-45	Personnel Director, Finance
PERRY, NELSON	Louisville, Ky.	1934-46	Attorney
PETERS, W. EDMUND	Webster Groves, Mo.	1930-35	Private Investigations, Owner
PHILIPS, GORDON A.	Trenton, N. J.	1941-46	Judge and Attorney, Partner, H o m a n, Phillips & Gold
PHILLIPS, ROBERT C.	Des Moines, Iowa	1942-46	Iowa Director, U. S. Brewers Foundation
PLANT, FRANCIS X.	Alexandria, Va.	1935-52	Asst. Counsel, U. S. Senate
PLUNKETT, PAUL M.	Chicago, Ill.	1934-37	Lawyer
POELKER, JOHN H.	St. Louis, Mo.	1942-53	Assessor, City of St. Louis
POKORNY, WILLIAM H.	Chicago, Ill.	1941-46	Secretary-Treasurer, Lumber
PROCTOR, R. EARLE	Moulton, Ala.	1943-44	Attorney, County Pros- ecutor
PRUYN, ROBERT C.	Indianapolis, Ind.	1943-45	Insurance Adjuster, Owner
PRYOR, JOHN F.	Manhasset, N. Y.	1935-41	President, Retail Pro- tection Services, Inc.
PUMPHREY, ROBERT G.	Columbus, Ohio	1941-52	Supervisor of Industrial Relations, Westing- house Electric Co.
QUINN, WILLIAM J.	Chicago, Ill.	1942-45	General Solicitor, Mil- waukee Road
QUIRK, ROBERT J.	Kansas City, Mo.	1942-46	Director Security, Ben- dix Aviation Corpor- ation
RAINOLD, ROBERT R.	New Orleans, La.	1942-45	Lawyer, Trial Attorney
RANDOLPH, ROSS V.	Menard, Ill.	1941-52	Warden, Illinois State Penitentiary
REED, ROBERT G.	Kansas City, Mo.	1931-36	Vice President, Stern Bros. & Co.
REITMAN, ROBERT L.	Milwaukee, Wis.	1940-51	Vice President, The Pine Lumber Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
REYNOLDS, JIM D.,	Bon Air, Va.	1934-40	General Personnel Director, Reynolds Metals Co.
RICE, DOWNEY,	Kensington, Md.	1934-45	Attorney
RICHMOND, LLOYD		1934-41	Vice President, Marshall Field & Co.
RILEY, EARL E.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1939-51	Special Representative, Steel
RILEY, SAMUEL G.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1940-53	Security Director, Westinghouse
RIORDAN, ROBERT J.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1943-45	Reporter, Milwaukee Sentinel
ROBBINS, EDGAR L.,	Louisville, Ky.	1941-52	Security Division, Reynolds Metals Co.
ROCKWELL, HOBART H.,	Erie, Pa.	1941-47	Branch Manager, Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.
ROLLER, WILLIAM L.,	Danville, Ill.	1940-45	Lawyer
ROONEY, WILLIAM JAMES,	New York, N. Y.	1937-41	Lawyer
RORER, WILLIAM A.,	Albany, Ga.	1929-37	President, Dairy & Appliance
ROSS, HOWARD V.,	New York, N. Y.	1941-44	Lawyer, Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett
RUBENSTEIN, SIDNEY S.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-46	Colonel, USAF, Director, Administrative Security Div., Office of Secretary of Defense
RYAN, JACK T.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1941-47	Insurance Broker
SCHWEIGER, VERNON J.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1942-45	Attorney
SEATON, JOHN C., JR.,	Seaton, Ill.	1942-46	President, State Bank of Seaton
SEERY, WILLIAM F.,	New York, N. Y.	1921-38	Investigations, President
SETZER, HENRY W.,	LaCrosse, Wis.	1942-46	Controller, Gateway Transportation Co.
SEWARD, LEE H.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1919-21	Special Agent, U. S. Dept. of State
SHARP, JAMES R.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-35	Lawyer
SHEPARD, JAMES W.,	Dallas, Texas	1941-52	Vice President, Insurance
SHERAN, ROBERT J.,	Mankato, Minn.	1942-46	Lawyer
SHERMAN, C. B.,	Houston, Texas	1939-51	Vice President, Utility, Houston Lighting & Power Co.
SHINNERS, JAMES R.,	Wauwatosa, Wis.	1941-50	Director, Public Relations, Blatz Brewery
SHORTLEY, ROBERT L.,	Washington, D. C.	1947-51	Act. Asst. Dir., FOA

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
SIMONS, RICHARD H.,	Milford, Conn.	1932-43	Attorney, Business Executive
SMITH, GILBERT A.,	Winnetka, Ill.	1942-46	Vice President & Trust Officer, State Bank & Trust Co.
SMITH, WM. F.,	Cleveland, Ohio	1942-47	Asst. to Vice President & General Manager, Western Express Co.
SNYDER, FRANKLIN B., JR.,	Chicago, Ill.	1942-46	Lawyer, Dallstream, Schiff, Hardin, Waite & Dorschel
SPROW, RAYMOND C.,	Summit, N. J.	1941-43	Labor Relations, Manager
STAUFFER, ROYAL L.,	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1942-46	Investigator
STEGER, HUGH L.,	Dallas, Texas	1941-46	Lawyer, Partner
STEVENS, GEORGE A.,	Harrod, Ohio	1930-40	Certified Public Accountant
STEVENS, GEORGE M.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-45	Attorney
STONE, FRANKLIN M.,	Waseca, Minn.	1934-44	Attorney, Partner
STRAIN, GEORGE L.,	LaJunta, Colo.	1940-46	Attorney
STRONG, GENE E.,	Clayton, Mo.	1942-45	Contractor
SULLIVAN, GEORGE J.,	Little Silver, N. J.	1942-50	Asst. to Director of Personnel, ACF Industries, Inc.
SULLIVAN, JOHN J.,	Chicago, Ill.	1941-45	
SULLIVAN, JOSEPH P.,	Munster, Ind.	1942-45	Superintendent, Industrial Relations Division, Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)
SUTTON, ALVIN J.,	Cleveland, Ohio	1940-47	President, Buckeye Delivery, Inc.
SUTTON, JOHN F., JR.,	San Angelo, Tex.	1942-45	Attorney, Partner
SWANSON, DON C.,	Des Moines, Iowa	1941-49	Attorney
TANSEY, J. JOSEPH,	Portland, Maine	1940-51	Lawyer
TAYLOR, JEROME F.,	Chicago, Ill.	1947-49	Local Manager, Telephone Co.
THOMPSON, LAMONT L.,	Michigan City, Ind.	1942-44	Sales, CBS & TV
TIERNEY, JOSEPH E., JR.,	Wauwatosa, Wis.	1941-46	Tax Manager, CPA, Lawyer
TIGHE, FRANCIS D.,	Aurora, Ill.	1941-45	Police Chief
TOLLETT, RAYMOND L.,	Big Springs, Texas	1934-37	President, Cosden Petroleum Corp.
TRACY, GERARD B.,	New York, N. Y.	1942-48	Life Insurance Manager
TRAPANI, PAUL M.,	Highland Park, Ill.	1931-38	Treasurer, Director, ETM Studios
TRAPP, HAROLD F.,	Lincoln, Ill.	1942-47	Attorney
TRAYNOR, DUANE L.,	Springfield, Ill.	1938-46	Lawyer
TURNHOLM, KENNETH O.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1942-45	Attorney, Investigator

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
TYLER, LYON L., JR.,	Washington, D. C.	1939-45	Attorney
ULSETH, RAGNVALD A.,	Berkley, Mich.	1942-45	Advertising, Branch Mgr.
VAN GERPEN, GEORGE C.,	Park Forest, Ill.	1943-46	Asst. to Vice-President, Retailing
VAN WINKLE, RICHARD A.,	Salt Lake City, Utah	1942-45	Finance, General Manager
VINCENT, JOHN W.,	Bronxville, N. Y.	1933-45	President, Southern Comfort Sales Corp. of N. Y.
VOELKER, RICHARD L., JR.,	New Orleans, La.	1942-52	Attorney, Partner
VOIGT, THEODORE C.,	Watertown, Wis.	1950-53	Police Department, Chief of Police
WAGER, DAN R.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1942-50	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
WAGER, EUGENE E.,	Nashville, Tenn.	1942-46	General Shoe Corp.
WALKER, HARVEY D.,	Saginaw, Mich.	1941-42	Attorney
WALTERS, CHARLES J.,	Palatine, Ill.	1942-47	Lawyer
WASHINGTON, GEORGE M.,	Billings, Mont.	1941-44	Vice President, Oil Development, Northern Pacific Railway Company
WASHINGTON, HARRY J.,	Evanston, Ill.	1942-44	Mercury Sales Manager, Ford Motor Co.
WELLS, ALFONSE F.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-44	Judge, Municipal Court of Chicago
WIAND, BURTON F.,	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1939-45	Manager of Public and Industrial Relations, Cities Service Gas Co.
WICKMAN, CLIFFORD W.,	Detroit, Mich.	1949-51	Director, Secy., Loyalty Investigating Com.
WILEY, MARSHALL A.,	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	1942-46	Lawyer
WILKINSON, THOMAS J.,	Short Hills, N. J.	1941-45	Personnel Manager, Brewery
WILLEY, JOHN A.,	Fresno, Calif.	1942-45	Lawyer
WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM H.,	Indianapolis, Ind.	1942-45	Lawyer
WILSON, J. ROBERT,	Akron, Ohio	1941-45	Director of Personnel, Railway Express, Inc.
WOLF, JOHN W.,	Saginaw, Michigan	1937-45	Attorney
WOOD, DELBERT L.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-47	Chief Special Agent, I. C. R. R.
WYAND, HOWARD L.,	Chicago, Ill.	1928-31	Realtor, Owner
YARGER, ORVAL F.,	Falls Church, Va.	1941-49	President, International Development Co.
YORE, JAMES R.,	Elmhurst, Ill.	1940-45	Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission
YOUNG, JAMES B.,	Louisville, Ky.	1942-44	Lawyer
YOUNGER, EVELLE J.,	Los Angeles, Calif.	1940-46	Judge

## NOTES

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 26,  
1954

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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SOCIETY OF FORMER FBI SPECIAL AGENTS  
SECURITY OF BUREAU INFORMATION

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Man	_____

By letter of 11/18/54 the SAC, Newark, advised that SA [Redacted] had recently been talking with former SA William F. Bolan, who is a member of the Society of Former FBI Special Agents and has been nominated as its national secretary. Bolan explained to [Redacted] the society's sincere desire to assist the Director in every possible way and to maintain the Bureau's great prestige with the public. In this connection Bolan said the society refuses membership to any former agent who has been discharged or has resigned from the Bureau because of improper conduct and that several applications for membership were recently rejected. Bolan indicated that the society checks the applicant's background very thoroughly and he casually mentioned that the applicant must give as references two Special Agents employed at the applicant's last office of assignment. There was an indication that through these present employees it would be possible to ascertain the circumstances under which the Bureau terminated the applicant's employment.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above information indicating the possibility of an improper disclosure of information by Bureau agents it is recommended that a letter be directed to all Special Agents in Charge instructing them to bring to the attention of all of their employees at this time the Bureau prohibition against employees disclosing to any unauthorized person information obtained in an official capacity, and particularly the prohibition against furnishing information bearing upon the efficiency or standing of former or present employees of the Bureau except to persons officially entitled thereto. An SAC letter is attached for use in the event this recommendation should be approved.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *JPM*

DATE: 12/2/54

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS, INC.  
Information Concerning

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Daniel L. ~~X~~ Connor called me this morning, he being a member of the Executive Committee of the Society, and asked me if I was familiar with the project being proposed by Messrs. S. J. ~~X~~ Tracy and D. M. ~~X~~ Ladd to establish a clearinghouse for public source information on subversives and subversive groups. I advised O'Connor I knew nothing of the project and he said that it has been proposed that the Society make a public announcement indicating the necessity for such an organization and that Messrs. Tracy and Ladd would then be able to present justification to a foundation for sufficient funds to set up such a clearinghouse. O'Connor said what he wanted to know was would the Bureau have any reason why the Society should not help in connection with this.

I asked O'Connor how the Society felt about it at this point and he told me that the Society would probably be opposed because they did not want to get involved in anything that was the least bit controversial and he thought the proposed project was of a controversial nature. I asked O'Connor specifically if it was his impression or his knowledge that it would be possible for a member of the public to write to this proposed clearinghouse and ask if a specific individual was a member of a Communist front group or the Communist Party and get back a reply. O'Connor told me it was his impression that a member of the public could do that and as a matter of fact the clearinghouse would send back public source material indicating whether or not the individual was affiliated with subversive organizations. O'Connor said he had a letter from Mr. Tracy outlining the organization and he said it was proposed that it be called the American Research Foundation, that it be located in Washington, D. C., it be separately incorporated, have a library which would be implemented by other libraries now in existence on such material, that it would be staffed by fully competent professional people but that it would not operate as an investigative organization nor would its aims and purposes run counter to any state or federal internal security investigative function.

In discussing this with you, I got a different impression as to the type of organization Mr. Tracy was trying to set up and it

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CC: Mr. Nichols

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appeared they were mainly interested in disseminating printed material on organizations and groups and not in the business of clearing or not clearing individuals.

In talking to O'Connor later I asked him specifically if the so-called clearinghouse was going to engage in clearing individuals as he had indicated to me and he said that was merely his impression and that Mr. Tracy had not told him they were going to do that. He said he felt that the aims and purposes of the clearinghouse, however, were sufficiently broad to permit them to do it. He read me parts of the letter which he had gotten from Mr. Tracy on this subject and one of the purposes was the dissemination nation wide of anti-Communist propaganda, to plan an educational program of anti-subversiveness and the object of the clearinghouse would be to get the truth to the public since the public now has no place to go for the truth.

I told O'Connor that I could not give him any information as to the position he should take on the subject matter but it seemed to me that his first observation was correct, that it appeared to be a rather controversial matter and he would have to use his best judgment in making a decision. He told me that unless the Bureau had some specific reason why the Society should back the project, he was opposed to it and would oppose the Society being used for the purpose indicated.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

✓ *J. J. [Signature]*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11/18/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (67-1000)

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SUBJECT: Security of Bureau Information

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	



Attached hereto is a memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] which is self explanatory. It appears to be of interest to the Bureau.

Attachment - 1

cc: 67- SA [redacted]

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TO : SAC D. S. HOSTETTER

DATE: 11/18/54

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF BUREAU INFORMATION

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

In a recent conversation with WILLIAM F. BOLAN, [REDACTED] former Special Agent, the writer noted a possible violation of security and expressed Bureau policy.

BOLAN is a member of the Society of former Special Agents of the FBI and has been nominated as its National Secretary. In a personal conversation he expressed the group's sincere desire to assist the Director in every possible way and to maintain the FBI's great prestige with the public. In this regard, he said they refused membership to any former agent who was discharged or resigned because of improper conduct. He said that several applications were recently rejected. He indicated they checked the applicant's background very thoroughly. He casually mentioned that the applicant must give as references two Special Agents employed at his last office of assignment. There was an indication that through these present employees, it would be possible to ascertain the circumstances under which the Bureau terminated the applicant's employment.

This may be a highly commendable attitude on the part of the Society, but obviously, cooperating present employees would be clearly violating Bureau policy if they furnished such information to the Society.

It is suggested that you may wish to communicate this information to the proper Bureau official.

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of November 17, 1954, with enclosures.

It was indeed good of you to write me, and I am glad to learn that the recent convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI was a successful one. Your thoughtfulness in furnishing me with some of the details of the activities at the convention is deeply appreciated, and I am grateful for your efforts on behalf of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

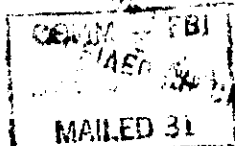
NOTES: [redacted] is a former Special Agent and SCD [redacted] and voluntarily resigned [redacted] in 18-13. His last efficiency rating was excellent, and cordial letters have been sent him since his resignation. It is felt that he should not comment concerning the specific resolutions which he submitted at the convention since he might use such a letter from the Director in his efforts to have the Society agree with him.

Society of Former F.B.I. Agents  
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Sincerely yours,

## RESOLUTION ON COMMUNISM

WHEREAS, we, as Former Special Agents of the F.B.I., are vitally aware that the International Socialist Revolution (the Communist movement) directed by Moscow, is fundamentally and unalterably committed to the forceful overthrow of the Government of the United States and works constantly and aggressively toward that objective; and

WHEREAS, the Communist conspiracy has brought some 800,000,000 people under its complete control and domination within the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the United States has suffered over 140,000 casualties in Korea as a direct result of aggressive and malevolent Communism; and

WHEREAS, it is undisputed that the Communist movement seeks to extend its empire by placing its secret agents within our Government, industry, and other free institutions, an insidious method already notably successful in many other countries; and

WHEREAS, by repeated provocative acts, such as the recent shooting down of an American B-29 over Japan, the international Communist criminals have demonstrated their utter contempt and disrespect for the United States and our national character; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the last bastion of freedom in the world and can never be destroyed except by deceitful enemies operating secretly within its borders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT this Society and all its individual members continuously and vigorously exert all possible efforts to alert and inform the American people of the clear-cut and unalterable purpose of Communism to destroy America and its freedoms by force and violence; and

THAT this Society vigorously promote, support, and commend all activities of our local and national Governments which seek to effectively combat Communism by Constitutional means; and

THAT certified copies of this Resolution by the first national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I. be transmitted to the President of the United States; to the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives; to Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.; and to the Attorney General of the United States.

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## COMMENDATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the men and women of the F.B.I. have been charged with grave responsibilities to enforce Federal laws and to protect the internal security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the F.B.I., under the leadership of its Director, John Edgar Hoover, have done an outstanding job in carrying out this heavy responsibility, often at the expense of personal sacrifice and above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the F.B.I., in spite of temptations and pressures, has carried out its lawful functions efficiently and objectively, rigidly maintaining its status as a fact-finding agency, not motivated by considerations of partisan politics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the men and women of the F.B.I. and its Director, John Edgar Hoover, be now highly commended by the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I. for their splendid accomplishments in carrying out their duties under law and protecting the security of our country against internal subversive forces; and

THAT Director John Edgar Hoover be now highly commended:

FOR his wise and courageous leadership in establishing and maintaining in the F.B.I. the highest standards of morality, integrity, and patriotism; and

FOR consistently opposing involvement of the F.B.I. in partisan political disputes and for constantly and firmly emphasizing the fundamental objective fact-finding function of the F.B.I.

THAT we of the Society of Former Special Agents express our abiding pride in having once been a part of the F.B.I. and our hope that we, individually and as a group, will continue to measure up to its motto, "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity."

THAT certified copies of this Resolution by the first national convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I. be transmitted to the President of the United States; to the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives; to Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.; and to the Attorney General of the United States.

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F.B.I. CRITICISM MOTION

Reason for Motion:

Throughout its history, the F.B.I. has been subject from time to time to criticism by those who oppose its lawful activities. First, it was representatives of the criminal element; then the criticism was heard from those who opposed investigation of Nazi and Fascist activities; and during the last decade, scurrilous, false, misleading, and clever attacks have been made by the Communist Party and those who support its objectives. The Harper's Magazine article (March, 1954, issue; article "How Good is an F.B.I. Report?" by Alan Barth) is a recent example. This article took as its thesis that the justification for Governmental inaction on ridding the Government of Communists was the poor quality of F.B.I. reports.

With the de-emphasis of Communist investigations by Congressional committees, which seems strongly indicated, we can anticipate that the F.B.I. and its director, John Edgar Hoover, will again be the focal point and target of such unwarranted attacks. The F.B.I. will, therefore, need all the help that can be mustered ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to adequately combat these forces of subversion.

Not only is it the patriotic duty of the Society to vigorously defend the F.B.I. against unjustified criticism but also it should be recognized that it is to the best interest of the Society for the practical reason that its prestige and standing vary directly with the accomplishments and reputation of the F.B.I.

Motion:

I, therefore, move that the Executive Committee promptly devise means which will permit the immediate notification of the entire membership of unjust criticism of the F.B.I., which may occur in the future, so that individual members of the Society may take whatever action is warranted. I further move that the Executive Committee publicly and factually answer such criticism by such means and through such media as it sees fit in the name of the Society.

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# About New York

## Ex-A's of F.B.I. Keep Reputation of Dig Art Lending Library Aids Cracked Walls

By MEYER BERGER

MORTIMER J. DAVIS, who was elected the other day as president of the Society of Former Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., is old-school F. B. I. He was a Department of Justice agent from 1917 to 1925, but got out when the F. B. I., as such, was only a year old.

He has worked on some famous cases—the Marcus Garvey Liberator fraud matter, the Wall Street explosion and a number of international narcotics cases. Now he is executive vice president of the New York Credit and Financial Management Association in a field that holds a lot of former F. B. I. men.

The society's convention in Chicago last week was what you'd expect—quiet, sober and dignified. It was so different from the hoopla assemblages you get at most men's conventions that the hotel banquet manager was moved to remark on it. Mr. Davis, pretty much on the serious side himself, thinks F. B. I. training is responsible; the men are just not whoopee type.

Among themselves, former agents are "X-A's," their term for ex-agent. When Mr. Davis got into the service as a kid, starting as typist, there were no rigid requirements, but when the F. B. I. started in 1924, only men with college degrees and with some background in law or accounting, or both, became eligible.

The society started about 1926 or '27. They have about 2,700 members in twenty-five chapters in as many cities, but that represents only half the former F. B. I. men in the country. The others have not joined, but the society is growing, especially in the larger cities—Washington, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

The organization has no official ties with the F. B. I. It is registered as a fraternal group without political aims. Members in one city will help members in another in a business way, if called on, but there's nothing in the by-laws to compel that. Most of the men are in law, insurance, accounting or investigation. A few have their own investigation agencies.

The membership is scattered pretty much around the world now. You'll run across X-A's in Arabia, Hawaii, the British Isles, South America, among other places. Mostly, in far-off corners, they work for American industrial concerns. The society's main headquarters is in the Roosevelt Hotel here.

... could, almost, have given the name that carried

Mr. Davis  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Robinson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
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for their official meeting place. The Grapevine is another national outfit, but a magazine with the same title. The X-A's wondered for a while whether they should do something about that, but finally decided not to. The other "Grapevine" is put out by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ruth Butler keeps running into odd requests in her Circulating Library of Paintings at 640 Madison Avenue. Most of her customers just come to like one canvas or another and may wind up owning one or two. Some bluntly admit they want a certain size with green, or some other color predominating, just to cover a crack or a hole in the living room wall. Others who have something like that in mind won't come out and say so. They weigh picture rental cost against the price of having a wall redone.

Mrs. Butler gets quite a run of what she calls week-end customers. They're mostly country dwellers who want a handsome canvas to impress week-end guests — the husband's boss, or a new acquaintance. Some, curiously, are rather poor people, like the cafeteria waitress, a bowed and work-worn woman who bought an impressionist portrait on a monthly payment plan. She confided to Mrs. Butler that she had to carry it into her bathroom to get any decent lighting on it.

Women whose husbands have suddenly made a good deal of money shop around for ancestor portraits. One lady, for example, said she remembered her mother only from dimmest childhood memory. She recalled, though, that her mother wore off-the-shoulder gowns most of the time and affected rather high pompadours. Mrs. Butler dug out of her 1,800-item all-size collection a Jacquard that just about fitted the customer's dream. The lady bought it for \$1,500.

Mrs. Butler got most of her paintings from her father, a collector. She went professional after friends began to borrow some of her canvases for interior decorator's color schemes. She lets some canvases out free, in special cases. One of these is an artist serving time in the Massachusetts Penal Colony at Norfolk. She learned that he used them in art courses he gave at the prison. He has borrowed twenty-five in two years. He has another four years to serve, though. Mrs. Butler doesn't know what offense he committed nor has she ever seen him. She knows him only as "The Man at Norfolk Prison, Norfolk, Mass."

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/19/54

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: EX-FBI AGENTS' ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 10-13, 1954

*Society of Former P.O. Agents*

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation with Assistant to the Director L. B. NICHOLS advising that I had been informed that at the above captioned convention there was to be a discussion of the voluntary overtime system of the Bureau, with the suggestion from Mr. NICHOLS that I educate [redacted]

[redacted] to the convention. I did that.

[redacted] has returned from the convention and has given me the following data as a report. There is attached hereto a list of the preliminary registration of membership. He did not have a copy of the supplemental in addition.

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[redacted] advised that there were approximately 450 ex-agents at the convention and that there were among them delegates from all 42 chapters. This, with the addition of some 250 wives, made a total group of approximately 700 for the three day conference.

[redacted] stated that there was a great deal of strong sentiment that up to date the organization had been dominated and controlled by the New York group since its origin in 1937 and he felt that as a result of this convention the unit had "come of age." He said they changed the constitution right on the spot and while they applauded the New York group's efforts in fostering the development of the organization, they now had strong sentiments against New York control and corrected it.

As a result there will be a regional representation from five districts on the Executive Committee. This all has to come about by a mail vote in the next several months in order to accomplish the result. [redacted] tells me that he expects to be [redacted]

[redacted] and apparently has had some sort of an understanding with the dominant ones in the group concerning it

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NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
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[ ] told me of the resolution by wire to the Director, not only commending you personally but the fact that they felt very strongly that they would continue to support the principles of the Bureau. He did say, however, that a good many of the group commented and felt disappointed that they had not received some sort of message from the Bureau. He said that they did not feel that such a message necessarily had to be in support of the organization, but at least a congratulations and best wishes message. It is suggested that the Bureau consider this for the next annual convention, which is to be at Detroit, Michigan, in 1955. [ ] states that the Detroit group made a donation of \$2,000.00 in order to get Detroit as the convention city for 1955.

*VOLUNTARY OVERTIME*

As far as the V.O.T. was concerned, there was some small comment which mentioned the "Washington Post" article and the refutation by the organization. However, he stated there was little or no interest or comment concerning the problem or the Bureau's handling and policy of the situation. b6

The main purpose of the convention was to more properly define the objectives and purposes of the group, and [ ] advises that he was one of several spokesmen who talked on what proved to be the dominant point of view, i.e., that the objective and purposes were completely fraternal at this time as a matter of loyalty to each other and the Bureau where necessary in the latter instance, and for job placement of its members. [ ] feels that there may come some time in the future when the objective and purposes should be militant in support of something which is attacking the Bureau or hindering its policies, but at the present time they were unguided by the Bureau in this regard and that the very small sentiment that there was for the organization to do an active program against Communism or juvenile delinquency was "snowed under" and voted down.

[ ] suggested that there had been a lot of comment that the Bureau had not reflected much interest in the organization and that he felt some informal guidance would be of benefit for the future. He said the organization definitely did not want to get into the Bureau's hair by sticking their noses in our business, but felt that the organization could be of distinct use to the Bureau on a strictly discreet and informal basis.

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It is [ ] opinion that there is ever increasing -- as reflected by the attached registration list showing current jobs -- a feeling of responsibility and mature judgment in the organization which could not be stampeded into foolish things but instead would go slowly and cautiously on any program which the Bureau might desire.

Another point that came up was that with the expansion of the group into some 4,000 members, they have increased the dues to \$10.00 a year, which will give them funds "to play with", to better organize the individual 42 chapters and to put a more centralized control on the all over organization through the appointment of an Executive Director who has not yet been chosen. In addition, it is expected that there will be a considerable improvement in the organization's current monthly magazine captioned "The Grapevine". It is now being handled by an ex-newspaperman and the improvement seen has been great already and they expect it to expand considerably. b6

[ ] is very enthusiastic about the future of the organization and the potentiality of any use which the Bureau might desire to put it to, as he is completely a supporter of the FBI. Should there be any particular point of view which the Bureau might desire to have presented through [ ]

I shall be glad to be advised.

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Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: October 29, 1954

L. B. Nichols

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

*Society of Former F.B.I. Agents*

I was advised today on a strictly personal and confidential basis by an individual whom I believe to be reliable and who is in a position to know, that Special Agent [Redacted] had been [Redacted] to do a job for which he was paid and which occurred while he was on the Bureau's payroll. This information was furnished initially by [Redacted] and former Agent [Redacted] to another former Agent whose identity is known to me and who in turn furnished it to the informant. The informant further advised me that former Special Agent [Redacted] conveys the impression of being a big shot and being very close to the Bureau; that [Redacted] is presently running the forthcoming Chicago convention of the Society of Former Agents and wants to be [Redacted] of the Society of Former Agents. [Redacted] has called the [Redacted] office more than on one occasion to tip them off that the Bureau was trying to find out where the leak occurred of a recent SAC Letter which referred to Makeu and Associates. The informant further told me that there is a great deal of unrest in the [Redacted] office and he has been led to believe that some of the former Agents are very much upset as a result of the Bureau's effort to ascertain the identity of the individual who leaked the information to [Redacted] on the contents of the SAC Letter.

I was further advised that as a result of this leak there were a series of conferences in the Washington Field Office wherein Agents were cautioned against communicating the contents of Bureau communications to outsiders and wherein an issue was made out of who furnished the information to the [Redacted] group and that some of the Agents were pretty much upset and jittery over the pressures that the FBI applied. The informant has heard nothing of the Bureau Supervisor's conference Wednesday and Thursday. I told the informant that in view of the injustice which had been done in conveying the impression that [Redacted] was on a black list that on the Director's personal instructions I had mentioned this matter at the Supervisor's Conference and pointed out that the Director had a friendly feeling toward [Redacted] and that the letter was not intended to in any way cast a reflection on [Redacted] and his group. The informant had heard nothing of this and told me he would let me know if he did hear anything.

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*I think our legal attache at London should tackle Lyons*

Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

I was further advised that former Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] who figured in relaying the information to the [redacted] organization,  
is particularly worried and has been running up to the [redacted] office every  
other day or so for the past week, which is something he did not previously  
do.

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V. [signature]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE:

October 27, 1954

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

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Reference is made to Mr. Nichols' memorandum dated October 25, 1954, captioned as above in which he suggested that I endeavor to ascertain from former SA [REDACTED] if the Bureau's SAC Letter with respect to the [REDACTED] was taken up at the meeting of the Society of Former Agents on October 7, 1954. Mr. Nichols has been endeavoring to find out how this SAC Letter leaked out of the Bureau. The Director approved my making the contact with [REDACTED]

I called [REDACTED] on October 26, 1954, and he told me that there was a meeting of the Society of Former Special Agents at the Burlington Hotel on October 7, 1954. He said that the meeting started at 6:30 PM with dinner. However, he did not arrive at the meeting until 7:30 PM. He spoke to the group very briefly about the plans for the convention in Chicago in November; he left the meeting at 8:00 PM. [REDACTED] said that he had heard nothing about an SAC Letter concerning the [REDACTED] at the meeting while he was there. He did tell me that on the previous day, October 25, 1954, that former SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] office on business and mentioned to [REDACTED] that the Bureau had issued an SAC Letter concerning [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] specifically if [REDACTED] indicated that the Bureau had put the Associates on a black list and [REDACTED] said he did not. He said as a matter of fact [REDACTED] mentioned the fact that one of the representatives of the Associates, [REDACTED] had called on the Director and discussed the matter with him and the Director had explained to [REDACTED] the type of letter that it was. I told [REDACTED] that I had heard that the matter had been discussed at the Society's meeting on October 7, 1954; that this had come from several sources and asked if he would check and see if it was discussed at the meeting.

[REDACTED] called me back on October 27, 1954, and said he had talked with [REDACTED] who was at the meeting on October 7, 1954, and that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that nothing was said at this meeting concerning the matter and that he, [REDACTED] had heard nothing concerning the SAC Letter at this particular meeting. Obviously if it was discussed at the meeting in any way whatsoever, [REDACTED] would have been the logical person to hear about it and this

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cc - Mr. Nichols



seems to spike the notion that some of the former agents are trying to generate that the matter was common knowledge on October 7, 1954, and had been discussed at the former agents' meeting. [redacted] told me that [redacted] himself was out of town at the time the meeting was held; that he subsequently returned to town, and that he, [redacted] had lunch with [redacted] on October 13, 1954. He said former SA [redacted] was present during the luncheon and at no time did [redacted] bring up the matter. However, he felt that [redacted] would have had he known about it at the time. [redacted] said that [redacted] was presently in Rome. b6

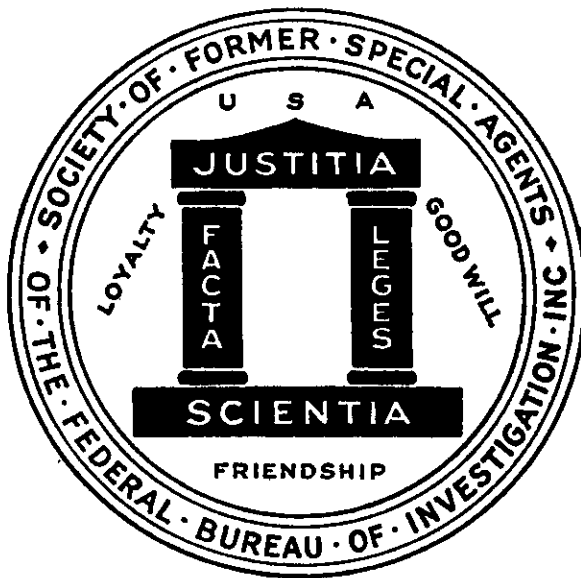
I have already informed Mr. Nichols of the substance of my conversation with [redacted] and a copy of this memorandum has been sent to him for his information.

✓ *W. J. Mohr*

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**SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS**  
*of the*  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.**



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**The Conrad Hilton Hotel  
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**November 12-14, 1954**

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keep our standards high . . . In loyalty and friendship  
to . . . Promote our common good . . . With faith in  
God, our Government . . . And every neighborhood . . .  
It is the first convention of . . . Our great Society . . .  
And may our future make its mark . . . In golden history  
. . . We help each other, but we strive . . . For all our  
nation too . . . As we are loyal citizens . . . In every-  
thing we do . . . So may our hearts be joined today . . .  
To keep our standards high . . . As we are glad and  
proud that we . . . Have served the FBI.

James J. Metcalfe  
Author of *Poem Portraits*  
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St. Louis, Missouri .....	J. B. Bushyhead	
Omaha, Nebraska .....	Leslie Carter	

## CHAPTER DELEGATES — (continued)

Chapter	Official Delegate	Alternates
Newark, New Jersey .....	Raymond Sprow	Thomas J. Wilkinson John W. O'Brien
Buffalo, New York .....	Ralph J. Gregg	John E. Leach
Cincinnati, Ohio .....	John H. Heilker	
Cleveland, Ohio .....	William F. Smith	J. Robert Wilson
Columbus, Ohio .....	Robert Pumphrey	Edward L. Hughes
Dayton, Ohio .....	Wade H. Alley	
Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	Louis P. Myers	Carl H. King
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ....	Austin Gunsel	Eugene J. Charters
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania .....	James A. Carlson	
Dallas, Texas .....	Bill Billings	Gordon Carpenter Don Johnson Hugh Steger
Houston, Texas .....	Gus T. Jones	Carl B. Sherman
Salt Lake City, Utah .....	James Beless	Richard Van Winkle Philip V. Christenson
Seattle, Washington .....	W. J. Pennington	
Milwaukee, Wisconsin .....	Harry J. Hayes	
FOREIGN		
Mexico City .....	Judd A. Austin	



**PROGRAM**  
**The Conrad Hilton Hotel**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1954**

- 12:00 noon **Registration of Members**  
to  
6:00 P. M. Registration desk: Third Floor, North Assembly Room (Hospitality Room)
- 2:00 P. M. **Delegates Conference** — Room 2, Third Floor  
to  
4:30 P. M. William J. Rooney, presiding. Discussion of proposed chapter By-laws; changes in Society's constitution and By-laws; purposes of the Society; Chapter identity; dues; purpose and responsibility of proposed Executive Secretary; Resolutions.
- 5:00 P. M. **Reception and Cocktail Party** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
to  
7:00 P. M. Chicago Chapter hosts to visiting members and wives.  
(Admission by Registration Badge.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1954**

- 8:30 A. M. **Delegates' Breakfast** — Room 4, Third Floor  
Limited to Chapter Delegates and National Officers.
- 9:30 A. M. **Membership Committee** — Room 1, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. William E. Bennett, Jr., presiding; assisted by Donald R. McVay.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Activity report for 1954.  
II. Committee problems.  
A. Processing applications.  
B. Applicant's inability to give references.  
C. Treatment of derogatory information.  
III. Chapter assistance to National Committee.  
IV. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Insurance Committee** — Room 3, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Mortimer J. Davis, presiding; assisted by Charles H. Buresh, Jr.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Review of Society's plan (a representative of Continental Assurance Company will participate).  
A. Coverage provided by plan.  
B. Participating members and benefits paid.  
C. Society's responsibility.  
II. Ways and means to increase membership participation.  
A. Should participation be mandatory for new members.  
B. Periodic reopening to admit members not covered.  
III. Discussion of proposed Group Health and Accident Insurance.  
IV. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Placement Committee** — Room 12, Fourth Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Harold M. Perry presiding; Assisted by George M. Stevens, Jr.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Report on placement experience 1954.  
II. Problems confronting placement committee.  
III. Chapter placement activity versus national activity.  
IV. Should placement possibilities be publicized in the GRAPEVINE?  
V. Open Forum.

## PROGRAM — (continued)

- 9:30 A. M. **Public Relations Committee** — Room 13, Fourth Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. John W. Vincent, presiding; assisted by John A. Lynch.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Annual report by Chairman.  
II. Objectives and Limitations.  
A. Reporting useful items to national headquarters.  
III. Integration of Chapter and National activities.  
IV. Proposed program for 1955.
- 9:30 A. M. **Entertainment Committee** — Room 10, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Gerard B. Tracy, presiding; assisted by Lloyd H. Richmond.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Report of Committee for 1954.  
II. Analysis of Chapter entertainment programs by Ralph Brown.  
III. Open Forum.
- 9:30 A. M. **Grapevine Committee** — Room 2, Third Floor  
to  
11:00 A. M. Gordon A. Philips, presiding; assisted by William I. Conway.  
Conference discussion:  
I. Source material.  
II. Necessity for lead dates and early reporting of material.  
III. Should GRAPEVINE be self sustaining through paid advertisements?  
IV. Report on 1954 GRAPEVINE.
- 11:00 A. M. **1955 Convention Committee** — West Ball Room, Third Floor  
Robert M. Dore, President, presiding; assisted by John A. Breen.  
Committee will receive proposals from Chapters seeking sponsorship of 1955 National Convention.
- 12:00 noon **Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show** — Wedgewood Room,  
Marshall Field & Company  
Chicago Chapter — Hosts. (Admission by Registration Badge.)  
(Transportation available 11:30 A. M., from 8th Street entrance of The Conrad Hilton Hotel.)
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Business Executives** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, U. J. Gerdes.  
Guest Speaker, Everette B. Harris, President, Chicago Mercantile Exchange.  
Topic: "Government and Business — Past, Present and Future."
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Lawyers** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, Hon. Alfonse F. Wells.  
Guest Speaker, James A. Dooley, Past President, National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys.  
Topic: "Advocacy in Trial Courts."
- 12:30 P. M. **Luncheon — Security Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Industrial Relations Managers and Investigators** — Williford Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, Delbert L. Wood.  
Guest Speakers: Panel of Five Specialists who will discuss investigative problems in their respective industries.

## **PROGRAM — (continued)**

- 2:00 P. M. General Membership Meeting** — North Ball Room, Third Floor  
Robert M. Dore, National President, presiding.
- I. Call to order.
  - II. Introduction of National Officers and Chicago Committee Chairman.
  - III. Report of the President.
  - IV. Committee Reports.
  - V. Report of delegates' conference and presenting of resolutions.
  - VI. Announcement of 1955 Convention city.
  - VII. Introduction of recipient of "Award of Merit."
  - VIII. Report of Ballot Committee and announcement of new officers.
  - IX. Introduction of new National Officers.
- 6:15 P. M. Reception for New Officers** — North Ball Room, Third Floor  
Cocktails.
- 7:15 P. M. Banquet** — Williford Ball Room, Third Floor  
Toastmaster, James J. Metcalfe.  
Invocation, Rev. James T. Hussey, President Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.  
Introduction of Distinguished Guests.  
The Mayor of Chicago, Hon. Martin J. Kennelly.  
Presentation of Scroll to outgoing President, Robert M. Dore.  
Presentation of "Award of Merit".  
Acceptance Speech of new President.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1954**

### **Morning Church Attendance**

(Note: Non-denominational Services are held at 11:00 A. M., in the Upper Tower, The Conrad Hilton Hotel.)

- 1:00 P. M. General Membership Meeting and Closing** — North Ball Room,  
Third Floor  
Unfinished Business.

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## REGISTRATION LIST

Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
ALAGA, NICHOLAS	San Francisco, Calif.	1937-47	Lawyer
ALBERS, GORDON D.	Austin, Minn.	1947-52	Manager, Western Car Route Div., Geo. A. Hormel & Co.
ALLEN, CHARLES B.	Boston, Mass.	1942-45	Certified Public Ac- countant, Investiga- tor
ALLEY, WADE H.	Dayton, Ohio	1942-51	Business Manager, Miami Valley Broad- casting Corp.
ALLISON, HERBERT M.	Villa Park, Ill.	1941-53	Employee Relations Staff, Sears, Roebuck
ALTSCHUL, A. KENNETH	Miami, Fla.	1950-52	Partner, Special Agent, Investigators
ANDERSON, JOHN V.	Minneapolis, Minn.	1930-41	Property Protection En- gineer, Northern State Power Co.
ANGELL, H. FRANK	Hollywood, Calif.	1938-45	Owner, Investigations
ATKINSON, JOHN	Chicago, Ill.	1941-47	
AUSTIN, JUDD A.	Mexico City, Rep. of Mex.	1942-47	Attorney at Law
BAKER, JOHN F.	Chicago, Ill.	1941-46	Investment Counselor, Baker, Walsh & Co.
BARNARD, COL. LEROY H.	Arlington, Va.	1936-42	Colonel, USAF Retired
BATCH, RALPH F.	Short Hills, N. J.	1935-43	Corporate Officer, C-O- Two Fire Equipment Co.
BAYLISS, JOSEPH E.	Sault Ste Marie, Mich.	1921-28	Retired
BELESS, JAMES W. JR.	Salt Lake City, Utah	1941-45	Attorney
BELL, MARSHALL J.	Park Ridge, Ill.		Assistant Treasurer, Bowser, Inc.
BELLAMY, JOHN W.	Petoskey, Mich.	1939-44	Pros. Attorney
BELLINO, CARMINE S.	Washington, D. C.	1934-45	Certified Public Ac- countant
BERENS, AL G.	Rochester, Minn.	1933-42	Attorney, Mayo Clinic
BERRY, ALFRED B.	Huntington, N. Y.	1941-46	Executive, C.B.S., Inc.
BIELASKI, A. BRUCE	New York, N. Y.	1909-19	Assistant General Man- ager, National Board of Fire Underwriters
BIELSKI, RICHARD M.	Sioux Falls, So. Dak.	1942-44	State's Attorney
BILLINGS, WILLIAM F.	Dallas, Texas	1940-51	Legal-Personnel, Hunt Oil Co.
BLANDORI, HUGO P.	Old Greenwich, Conn.	1941-53	Investigator—Director
BLUE, GEORGE R.	New Orleans, La.	1940-45	Lawyer, U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
BOGGS, RALPH S.,	Toledo, Ohio	1942-45	Attorney, Boggs, Boggs & Boggs
BRAATHEN, CLAYTON A.,	Detroit, Mich.	1934-42	Investigator, Ford Mo- tor
BRAUN, WILLIAM C.,	Chicago, Ill.	1927-30	Chief Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
BREEN, JOHN A.,	Winnetka, Ill.	1942-46	Attorney
BREESE, CHARLES P.,	Louisville, Ky.	1937-45	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
BRENNAN, JOHN E.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1919-51	Electrical Engineer
BREUEL HAROLD C.,	Miami, Fla.	1942-46	Counsel, American Air- motive Corp.
BROWN, EVERETT W.,	No. Hollywood, Calif.	1936-40	Private Investigator
BROWN, RALPH D.,	New York, N. Y.	1930-39	Director, Public Rela- tions, J. C. Penney Co.
BUNDY, EDWARD A.,	Itasca, Ill.	1943-48	Verve Adv. Art Studio, Owner
BURESH, CHARLES H. Jr.,	Evanston, Ill.	1942-45	Insurance Broker
BURGESS, DAVID E.,	Detroit, Mich.	1941-45	Attorney
BUSHYHEAD, JAMES B.,	Webster Groves, Mo.	1941-46	Vice President, Moog Industries
CAHILL, WILLIAM T.,	Camden, N. J.	1937-38	Law practice
CALLAHAN, GEORGE A.,	Sharon, Mass.	1934-39	NYNH & HRR — Pro- tection Manager
CAMPBELL, ROBERT J.,	Indianapolis, Ind.	1939-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
CANNON, CARROLL C.,	Forrest City, Ark.	1942-46	Lawyer
CARLSON, JAMES A.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1940-51	Assistant Vice Presi- dent, Westinghouse Air Brake Co.
CARPENTER, GORDAN R.,	Dallas, Texas	1942-46	Executive-Secretary, Southwestern Legal Foundation
CARROLL, JOHN T.,	Rochelle, Ill.	1942-45	Furniture Mfg., Partner
CARROLL, WILLIAM P. Jr.,	Glenview, Ill.	1942-47	Lawyer & Investigator, Investigators, Inc.
CARTER, KEITH,	Omaha, Nebr.	1941-45	
CARTER, LESLIE D.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1941-45	Attorney
CARTWRIGHT, ROBERT F.,	Washington, D.C.	1929-50	Deputy Administrator, Dept. of State
CASSILLI, ERNEST C.,	Pompano Beach, Fla.	1942-45	Owner-Apt.-Motel

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
CHAFFETZ, MAXWELL,	Philadelphia, Pa.	1930-46	President, Pretz-L Products Corp.
CHAPMAN, JOHN V.,	Davenport, Iowa	1941-46	Lawyer
CHAPMAN, ROBERT C.,	Park Ridge, Ill.	1929-34	Special Agent in Charge, Association of Casualty & Surety Cos.
CHARTERS, EUGENE J.,	Philadelphia, Pa.	1934-46	Private Investigations, E. J. Charters Associates
CHASEN, ROBERT E.,	New York, N.Y.	1943-52	Assistant to Director, Industrial Relations-Security, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.
CHRISTENSEN, DELBERT L.,	Elmhurst, Ill.	1941-46	Secretary-Treasurer, Flex-O-Glass
CHRISTENSON, PHILLIP V.,	Orem, Utah	1941-45	Lawyer
CHRISTIENSEN, NORMAN J.,	Park Ridge, Ill.		Labor Relations Assistant, American Newspaper Publisher's Association
CLARY, VICTOR R.,	Arkon, Ohio	1934-37	Manager, Sales Accounting, Firestone
COLLINS, HAROLD J.	Chicago, Ill.	1940-46	Manager — Manufacturing
CONDON, DONALD J.,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1941-45	Attorney
CONDY, JOSEPH P.,	Charleston, W. Va.	1941-44	Lawyer—Commissioner, Dept. of Motor Vehicles
CONERTY, JAMES E.,	Wilmette, Ill.	1941-47	President, The Waters Co.
CONNOR, JAMES W.	St. Louis, Mo.	1934-38	Operating Director, St. Louis Crime Commission
CONRAD, OSCAR J., JR.,	Kirkwood, Mo.	1942-45	Vice-Pres. and Treasurer, Conrad, Inc.
CONSIDINE, DANIEL VINCENT,	Lake Forest, Ill.	1941-44	Vice President & Treasurer, John T. Shayne
CONWAY, WILLIAM I.,	Oak Park, Ill.	1928-33	Lawyer
COOK, DONALD D.,	Columbus, Ohio	1941-48	Administrative Assistant, Ohio State Auditors
COOK, ROBERT E.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1950-51	Attorney
COOMBS, EUGENE G.,	Wichita, Kans.	1937-44	Attorney at Law—Owner Beechcraft Distributor, Halli-crafter Distributor
CORNELISON, WM. R.,	Wheat Ridge, Colo.	1935-48	Director of Security, Dow Chemical Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
CORRIGAN, WILLIAM H., Allen Park, Mich.		1940-47	Manager, Security De- partment, Ford Mo- tor Co.
CRUISE, BENEDICT P., Hays, Kansas		1934-45	Attorney
DALE, GEORGE N., Chicago, Ill.		1921-28	Newspaper Association Executive
DANNENBERG, W. C., Chicago, Ill.		1908-12	Civil & Criminal Inves- tigations
DAVIS, JAMES A., Cincinnati, Ohio		1942-53	Plant Security Officer, G. E.
DAVIS, MORTIMER J., New York, N. Y.		1917-25	Executive Vice Presi- dent, Credit Associa- tion
DAVIS, ROY W., Richmond, Va.		1942-48	Assistant Treasurer, Reynolds Metals Co.
DAVIS, THOMAS O., Decatur, Ga.		1942-47	Lawyer — Davis & Stringer
DEAN, JOSEPH E., JR., Milwaukee, Wis.		1941-47	Attorney, McGraw Elec- tric Co.
DENCE, WALTER E., Miami, Fla.		1934-46	Attorney
DILLARD, GEORGE P., Decatur, Ga.		1940-53	Lawyer
DISTELHORST, EDWARD J., Cedar Rapids, Iowa		1942-46	District Claims Mana- ger, Insurance
DIXON, LAVERNE A., Gurnee, Ill.		1942-46	Attorney
DOERMER, JOHN J., Evanston, Ill.		1941-53	Special Agent, Associa- tion of Casualty & Surety Cos.
DORE, ROBERT M., Brooklyn, N. Y.		1941-45	Account Executive Le- win, Williams and Saylor Advertising Agency
DOWD, JOHN J., Chicago, Ill.		1941-46	Lawyer
DOYLE, JOHN A., Del. Co., Pa.		1941-45	Vice President, John H. McClatchy, Inc. Real Estate and In- vestment Business
DOYLE, JOHN H., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.		1940-45	Certified Public Ac- countant
DRISCOLL, CLEMENT J., Chicago, Ill.		1941-46	Attorney, Armour & Co.
DWYER, EUGENE J., Gary, Indiana		1951-53	International Represen- tative, American Fed- eral Labor
ECHLIN, LEWIS H., Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.		1940-44	Investigator, Ford Mo- tor Co.
EGAN, J. S., Washington, D. C.		1922-52	Accountant
FARLEY, JOHN J., Cincinnati, Ohio		1942-45	Attorney
FARLEY, JOSEPH H., LaGrange Park, Ill.		1934-39	Attorney, Veterans Ad- ministration
FARRIN, MICHAEL H., Chicago, Ill.		1939-52	Legal—Bankers Life & Casualty Co.



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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
FELLNER, JOSEPH G.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1937-52	Manager — Security Dept. Miller Brewing Company
FERNANDEZ, ANTHONY S.,	Cleveland, Ohio	1943-53	Research Associates, Inc.
FILTER, PATRICK S.,	Chicago, Ill.	1942-44	Attorney—Partner Castle, Brintlinger & Carey
FISH, WILLIAM R.,	Independence, Mo.	1947-50	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
FISHER, JOHN M.,	Maywood, Ill.	1947-53	Employee Relations, Sears Roebuck
FITCH, LOUIS H.,	Springfield, Ohio	1942-45	Business Manager— College
FITZPATRICK, JAMES A.,	Watertown, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer
FITZPATRICK, WILLIAM P.,	Peoria, Ill.	1947-51	Asst. Chief Plant Pro- tection, Caterpillar Tractor Co.
FITZSIMMONS, LEO J.,	Newark, N. J.	1942-52	Lawyer
FLAVIN, GEORGE V.,	Quincy, Mass.	1941-46	Attorney
FOLEY, DUDLEY C.,	New Orleans, La.	1942-45	Lawyer
FOLTZ, EDWIN J.,	Gladwyne, Pa.	1941-51	Asst. Director, Person- nel Adm., Campbell Soup Co.
FRISCH, JOHN B.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-50	Attorney
FRY, CHARLIE,	Springfield, Ohio	1942-45	President, Metropoli- tan Homes, Inc.
FRYE, GEORGE J., JR.,	Jenkintown, Pa.	1942-53	Personnel Director, Pie- secki Helicopter Corp.
GAHLON, MAURITZ E.,	Downers Grove, Ill.	1941-53	Management Engineer, Argonne National La- boratory
GAQUIN, THOMAS E.,	West Roxbury, Mass.	1941-46	Asst. Director Investi- gations, John Han- cock Life
GELL, LEON J.,	Chicago, Ill.	1926-28	Asst. Vice President, Banker
GERDES, U. J.,	Glenview, Ill.	1934-45	Member Chicago Board of Trade
GHERTY, LAWRENCE P.,	Hudson, Wis.	1942-47	Lawyer
GIBBS, RICHARD S.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Attorney
GIDDENS, WILLARD A.,	Lakewood, Ohio	1934-42	Treasurer, Hupp Corp.
GILL, JOHN D.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1942-44	Manager & Attorney, Finance
GILLESPIE, TYRONE,	Midland, Mich.	1940-43	Asst. to President, Dow Chemical Co.
GLEASON, JOHN P.,	Toledo, Ohio	1938-46	Sales Manager, Kimble Glass Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
GRANTHAM, GORDON, Jackson, Miss.		1937-45	Attorney
GRASSY, FRANK T., Wauwatosa, Wis.		1940-51	Director of Industrial Relations, Miller Brewing Co.
GRAY, WILLIAM O., Cedar Rapids, Iowa		1942-46	Attorney.
GREGG, RALPH J., Buffalo, N. Y.		1940-46	Lawyer, Partner
GROSSMAN, Ernest D., St. Paul, Minn.		1940-46	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
GUNSEL, AUSTIN H., Narberth, Pa.		1939-52	Chief Investigator, National Football League
HALL, FRED H., Bethesda, Md.		1940-51	Special Agent, Investigative
HANLEY, JAMES A., Joliet, Ill.		1942-48	Sales Manager, Winston Chevrolet Co.
HANSEN, PAUL, Louisville, Ky.		1930-36	Director of Security, Reynolds Metals Co.
HAYES, HARRY J., Milwaukee, Wis.		1941-45	Lawyer and Investigator
HAYES, PAUL J., Elmhurst, Ill.		1935-48	Director of Security, Argonne National Laboratory
HAYS, EDWARD R., Pikeville, Ky.		1942-46	Lawyer
HECKER, J. EARL, Cleveland Heights, Ohio		1947-52	Attorney
HEIDINGER, LAMONT H., Edwardsville, Illinois		1941-50	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Underwriters
HEILKER, JOHN H., Cincinnati, Ohio		1934-37	Lawyer
HENNESSEY, JOHN F., Oak Park, Ill.		1941-45	Industrial Relations Manager
HENTHORN, EVERETT I., South Bend, Indiana		1924-30	Salesman, Studebaker Co.
HINDERAKER, HUGH H., Hartland, Wis.		1940-45	President, Publisher
HITCHCOCK, J. GARETH, Pittsburgh, Pa.		1940-42	Protection Supt., Joseph Horne Co.
HOEHLE, ROBERT E., Chicago, Ill.		1951-53	Assoc. of American Railroads
HOEFLING, JAMES K., Dayton, Ohio		1941-46	Lawyer
HOLMES, JOHN E., Detroit, Mich.		1940-51	Private Investigator, Owner
HORN, JOSEPH, Peoria, Ill.		1934-46	Grain, Owner
HORN, WALTER W., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.		1943-46	President, Cinder Block, Inc.
HOWES, WILLIAM B., Davenport, Iowa		1942-46	Owner, Farming
HUBARTT, RUSSELL J., Elkhart, Ind.		1943-46	General Agency, Insurance
HUCKEBY, PAUL B., Atlanta, Ga.		1950-51	Lawyer

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
HUGHES, CARL W., Berkeley, Calif.		1918-26	Promotion Manager, Bowling
HUGHES, EDWARD L., Columbus, Ohio		1942-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
HUMPHREY, EUGENE X., Chicago, Ill.		1935-41	Industrial Relations Di- rector, Locomotives, General Motors
HUNSBERGER, HAROLD E., Traverse City, Mich.		1942-45	Judge of Probate Court
HUNSINGER, GEORGE M., Cincinnati, Ohio		1950-52	Security Supervisor, General Electric Co.
HUTCHINSON, DUDLEY I., Boulder, Colo.		1941-46	Attorney
JALBERT, JOSEPH T., North Smithfield, Rhode Island		1950-53	Security, Schenley In- dustries
JAMES, JOHN J., Elgin, Ill.		1925-29	Administrative Officer, U. S. Dept. of Agri- culture, Food Distri- bution Division
JANAS, STEPHEN E., Elmhurst, Ill.		1947-53	Sales, Thomas A. Edison
JARDINE, DONALD M., St. Paul, Minn.		1942-46	Attorney
JEHRING, ROBERT B., Muscatine, Iowa			Attorney
JENKINS, CHARLES, Chicago, Ill.		1913-40	Court Observer, Chica- go Crime Commission
JENKINS, JAMES S., Dayton, Ohio		1942-46	Attorney
JENNINGS, WILLIAM H., Rockford, Ill.		1942-46	Treasurer, Dept. Store
JOHNSON, ALBERT H., Chicago, Ill.		1929-42	Investigators, Inc., Pres. of Company
JOHNSON, DONWORTH D., Fort Worth, Texas		1938-48	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
JOHNSON, HERBERT J., JR., Erie, Pa.		1942-45	Attorney
JOHNSON, RAYMOND W., Minneapolis, Minn.		1940-54	Asst. to President, Insurance
JONES, GUS T., San Antonio, Texas		1916-44	Manager, Industrial Re- lations, Public Rela- tions
JUDELL, HAROLD B., New Orleans, La.		1939-44	Attorney
KANE, CHARLES W., Hyattsville, Md.		1947-50	Investigator, U. S. Gov- ernment
KARCHER, ABRAM V., Big Spring, Texas		1931-37	Sec'y-Treasurer, Cosden Petroleum Corp.
KAVANAUGH, JOHN S., Chicago, Ill.		1934-36	Attorney
KEATING, JOHN J., New York, N. Y.		1922-54	Investigations Consult- ant
KELLEHER, CYRIL A., New York, N. Y.		1942-45	Attorney
KELLY, JAMES T., JR., St. Paul, Minn.		1951-53	Agent, Life Insurance
KENNEDY, J. CULLEN, Grosse Pointe, Mich.		1940-45	Attorney, Partner

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
KING, CARL H.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1940-45	Attorney, Stanolind Oil & Gas Company
KING, ROBERT L.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1938-45	Vice President, Southern Comfort Corp.
KITTELSEN, RODNEY O.,	Monroe, Wis.	1940-45	Lawyer, District Attorney
KLEIN, NATHANIEL J.,	Miami Beach, Florida	1942-44	Attorney, Partner
KOPP, FREDERICK P.,	Columbus, Ohio	1942-45	General Counsel, W. M. Ritter Lumber Co.
KOWALCZYK, GEORGE,	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1942-43	Lawyer, Partner
KRAMER, RUSSELL P.,	Denver, Colo.	1934-51	President, Insurance
KUBICEK, THEODORE L.,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1942-46	Lawyer
LAIL, JAMES W.,	Denver, Colo.	1942-52	Private Investigator
LANDREE, BERT J.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1943-44	Claims Attorney, Claims Manager
LARSEN, A. ERNEST,	New York, N. Y.	1937-45	Assistant Controller, Railway Express Agency
LARSON, STIG A.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1941-49	Personnel Director, Economics Laboratory, Inc.
LAWRENCE, H. BEMIS,	Louisville, Ky.	1940-46	Lawyer
LAWRENCE, RICHARD W.,	Washington, D. C.	1941-51	Private Investigations, Owner
LEACH, JOHN E.,	Buffalo, N. Y.	1942-45	Attorney
LEHMAN, WALLACE H.,	Pewaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Service Manager, The Heil Co.
LEMAIRE, ARNOLD J.,	Louisville, Ky.	1934-41	Attorney
LE PORE, RALPH F.,	Wheeling, W. Va.	1941-49	Vice Chairman, West Virginia Racing Commission
LEVVIS, WALTER E.,	Rockford, Ill.	1941-53	Asst. to Secretary-Treasurer, The Ingersoll Milling Machine Co.
LEYDEN, DONALD J.,	St. Paul, Minn.	1951-53	Director of Public Relations, Education, College of St. Thomas
LOCKREM, J. DUDLEY,	Western Springs, Ill.	1941-45	Vice President & Secretary, Tool Manufacturing
LOOK, RICHARD W.,	Wyandotte, Mich.	1941-45	Attorney
LYNCH, JOHN A.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-46	Certified Public Accountant, Owner
LYNCH, JOHN T.,	Roseville, Mich.	1943-53	Director, John T. Lynch Investigations
LYONS, RAYMOND M.,	Dearborn, Mich.	1940-44	Manager, Labor Relations

# REGISTRATION LIST — (continued)

Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
MC CALLUM, RALPH G.,	Wilmette, Ill.	1930-34	Executive, Insurance
MC CARTHY, JUSTIN H.,	Chicago, Ill.	1930-30	Lawyer, Government Veterans Administra- tion
MC DEVITT, THOMAS F.,	Philadelphia, Pa.	1941-53	Attorney
MC FEELY, DENNIS E.,	Hoboken, N. J.	1941-44	Investigator
MC GREEVY, JAMES R.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1941-46	Attorney
MC INERNEY, JAMES M.,	Washington, D. C.	1935-38	Attorney
MC LAUGHLIN, JOHN JOSEPH,	Boston, Mass.	1942-46	Lawyer
MC MAHON, RICHARD M.,	Davenport, Iowa	1942-48	Lawyer
MC VAY, DONALD R.,	Wilmette, Ill.	1942-45	American Newspaper Publishers Assn.
McVAY, JOE A.,	Huntington, W. Va.	1942-45	Attorney
MAIN, ROGER L.,	Jacksonville, Fla.	1926-34	President, St. Joe Paper Co.
MARLETTE, LLOYD V.,	Port Huron, Mich.	1942-46	Lawyer
MARTIN, ELMOND L.,	Lexington, Ky.	1942-49	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MARTIN, JOHN L.,	Waynesboro, Pa.	1939-51	Secretary, Martin Freight Service, Inc.
MARTINEK, FRANK V.,	Chicago, Ill.	1921-25	Asst. Vice President, Standard Oil Co.
MAY, ALFRED A.,	Detroit, Mich.	1929-31	Attorney
MAY, ROBERT E.,	Park Forest, Ill.	1947-53	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MAX, C. WILLARD,	Olivette, Mo.	1941-46	Lawyer
MEIXNER, EARL L.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer, Sr. Partner
MELBY, ARTHUR L.,	Gautemala, C. A.	1941-45	A. L. Melby Agencies, Owner
MELTON, HAROLD, JR.,	Charleston, W. Va.	1942-45	Manager, Universal Cast Stone Co. Mfg.
METCALFE, JAMES J.,	Dallas, Texas	1931-35	Author
MEYER, HAROLD E.,	Salt Lake City, Utah	1943-50	Owner, Oil & Uranium Exploration & Pub- lishing
MILLER, A. ROSS,	Los Angeles, Calif.	1934-41	Director, Industrial Se- curity, North Ameri- can Aviation
MILLER, WILLIAM J.,	Western Springs, Ill.	1934-38	
MITCHELL, FRANK S.,	Greenwich, Conn.	1938-52	Industrial Relations, Thermix Corp.

# REGISTRATION LIST — (continued)

Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
MITCHELL, W. H.,	Detroit, Mich.	1941-46	Security Supervisor, Plant Security Sec- tion, Ford Motor Co.
MOHNEY, BLAKE I.,	Adrian, Mich.	1947-52	Industrial Relations Di- rector, Plating
MOHRMAN, ROY W.,	Chicago, Ill.	1941-53	Chief of Protection, Wieboldt Stores, Inc.
MORAN, JOHN V.,	Boston, Mass.	1941-47	Attorney
MORROW, JAMES H., JR.,	Bozeman, Montana	1942-45	Lawyer
MORGAN, EDWARD P.,	Washington, D. C.	1940-47	Lawyer, Welch, Mott & Morgan
MORROW, PATRICK J.,	Onawa, Iowa	1942-46	Lawyer
MURPHY, FREDERICK F.,	Westchester, Ill.	1946-51	Special Agent, National Board of Fire Under- writers
MURPHY, SAMUEL B.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1941-46	Lawyer, Barrett, Cook & Fairfield
MURPHY, WAYNE S.,	Mission, Kansas	1929-52	Manager-Director, Kansas City Crime Commission
MUZZEY, A. A.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-45	Supervisory Investiga- tor, USAF (IG) OSI
MYERS, LOUIS P.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1942-45	Vice President, Oil Producer
NEFF, ROBERT W.,	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1942-45	Lawyer
NELSON, CHARLES M.,	Genoa, Ill.	1942-46	Attorney
NEWBY, JOHN E.,	LaPorte, Ind.	1941-51	Attorney, Partner, Con- boy & Newby
NOELKE, PAUL,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1942-45	Lawyer, Partner, Lines, Spooner & Quarles
OBLINGER, WALTER L.,	Springfield, Ill.	1939-51	Lawyer
O'BRIEN, JOHN W.,	Plainfield, N. J.	1941-45	Lawyer
O'CONNOR, DAN,	Washington, D. C.	1939-45	Lawyer
O'CONNOR, WILLIAM J.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1941-51	Lawyer, Wisconsin Ice & Coal Co.
OSBORNE, E. VERNON,	Cincinnati, Ohio	1946-52	Deputy Security Officer, G. E.
OTTESEN, ROBERT G.,	Belleville, Ill.	1942-46	Lawyer
OWENS, DON G.,	Memphis, Tenn.	1941-44	Attorney
PANSZE, ART J.,	Casper, Wyoming	1941-46	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
PAPPAS, JAMES L.,	Lansing, Ill.	1948-54	Dept. Supervisor, West- ern Adjustment & In- spection Co.
PARKS, JESSE C., JR.,	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1939-44	Attorney
PARRISH, GEORGE T.,	Omaha, Nebr.	1942-47	Asst. Zone Manager, Pontiac Div., General Motors

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
PEARCY, JOHNSTON L.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1940-47	Supv. of Spec. Inves., Transit Casualty Co.
PENDLETON, FORREST C.,	New Orleans, La.	1911-20	Investigator, President
PENNINGTON, W. J.,	Seattle, Washington	1942-46	Comptroller, The Seat- tle Times (Newspa- per)
PEPPLE, GEORGE L.,	Goshen, Indiana	1942-45	Lawyer
PERRIN, CHARLES E.,	Arlington Heights, Ill.	1940-47	Asst. Chief Special Agent, Illinois Cen- tral R. R.
PERRY, HAROLD M.,	Summit, N. J.	1942-45	Personnel Director, Finance
PERRY, NELSON,	Louisville, Ky.	1934-46	Attorney
PETERS, W. EDMUND,	Webster Groves, Mo.	1930-35	Private Investigations, Owner
PHILIPS, GORDON A.,	Trenton, N. J.	1941-46	Judge and Attorney, Partner, Homan, Philips & Gold
PHILLIPS, ROBERT C.,	Des Moines, Iowa	1942-46	Iowa Director, U. S. Brewers Foundation
PLANT, FRANCIS X.,	Alexandria, Va.	1935-52	Asst. Counsel, U. S. Senate
PLUNKETT, PAUL M.,	Chicago, Ill.	1934-37	Lawyer
POELKER, JOHN H.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1942-53	Assessor, City of St. Louis
POKORNY, WILLIAM H.,	Chicago, Ill.	1941-46	Secretary-Treasurer, Lumber
PROCTOR, R. EARLE,	Moulton, Ala.	1943-44	Attorney, County Pros- ecutor
PRUYN, ROBERT C.,	Indianapolis, Ind.	1943-45	Insurance Adjuster, Owner
PRYOR, JOHN F.,	Manhasset, N. Y.	1935-41	President, Retail Pro- tection Services, Inc.
PUMPHREY, ROBERT G.,	Columbus, Ohio	1941-52	Supervisor of Industrial Relations, Westing- house Electric Co.
QUINN, WILLIAM J.,	Chicago, Ill.	1942-45	General Solicitor, Mil- waukee Road
QUIRK, ROBERT J.,	Kansas City, Mo.	1942-46	Director Security, Ben- dix Aviation Corpor- ation
RAINOLD, ROBERT R.,	New Orleans, La.	1942-45	Lawyer, Trial Attorney
RANDOLPH, ROSS V.,	Menard, Ill.	1941-52	Warden, Illinois State Penitentiary
REED, ROBERT G.,	Kansas City, Mo.	1931-36	Vice President, Stern Bros. & Co.
REITMAN, ROBERT L.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1940-51	Vice President, The Pine Lumber Co.

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
REYNOLDS, JIM D.,	Bon Air, Va.	1934-40	General Personnel Director, Reynolds Metals Co.
RICE, DOWNEY,	Kensington, Md.	1934-45	Attorney
RICHMOND, LLOYD		1934-41	Vice President, Marshall Field & Co.
RILEY, EARL E.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1939-51	Special Representative, Steel
RILEY, SAMUEL G.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1940-53	Security Director, Westinghouse
RIORDAN, ROBERT J.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1943-45	Reporter, Milwaukee Sentinel
ROBBINS, EDGAR L.,	Louisville, Ky.	1941-52	Security Division, Reynolds Metals Co.
ROCKWELL, HOBART H.,	Erie, Pa.	1941-47	Branch Manager, Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.
ROLLER, WILLIAM L.,	Danville, Ill.	1940-45	Lawyer
ROONEY, WILLIAM JAMES,	New York, N. Y.	1937-41	Lawyer
RORER, WILLIAM A.,	Albany, Ga.	1929-37	President, Dairy & Appliance
ROSS, HOWARD V.,	New York, N. Y.	1941-44	Lawyer, Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett
RUBENSTEIN, SIDNEY S.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-46	Colonel, USAF, Director, Administrative Security Div., Office of Secretary of Defense
RYAN, JACK T.,	Milwaukee, Wis.	1941-47	Insurance Broker
SCHWEIGER, VERNON J.,	Minneapolis, Minn.	1942-45	Attorney
SEATON, JOHN C., JR.,	Seaton, Ill.	1942-46	President, State Bank of Seaton
SEERY, WILLIAM F.,	New York, N. Y.	1921-38	Investigations, President
SETZER, HENRY W.,	LaCrosse, Wis.	1942-46	Controller, Gateway Transportation Co.
SEWARD, LEE H.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1919-21	Special Agent, U. S. Dept. of State
SHARP, JAMES R.,	Washington, D. C.	1934-35	Lawyer
SHEPARD, JAMES W.,	Dallas, Texas	1941-52	Vice President, Insurance
SHERAN, ROBERT J.,	Mankato, Minn.	1942-46	Lawyer
SHERMAN, C. B.,	Houston, Texas	1939-51	Vice President, Utility, Houston Lighting & Power Co.
SHINNERS, JAMES R.,	Wauwatosa, Wis.	1941-50	Director, Public Relations, Blatz Brewery
SHORTLEY, ROBERT L.,	Washington, D. C.	1947-51	Act. Asst. Dir., FOA



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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
SIMONS, RICHARD H., Milford, Conn.		1932-43	Attorney, Business Executive
SMITH, GILBERT A., Winnetka, Ill.		1942-46	Vice President & Trust Officer, State Bank & Trust Co.
SMITH, WM. F., Cleveland, Ohio		1942-47	Asst. to Vice President & General Manager, Western Express Co.
SNYDER, FRANKLIN B., JR., Chicago, Ill.		1942-46	Lawyer, Dallstream, Schiff, Hardin, Waite & Dorschel
SPROW, RAYMOND C., Summit, N. J.		1941-43	Labor Relations, Manager
STAUFFER, ROYAL L., Ft. Wayne, Ind.		1942-46	Investigator
STEGER, HUGH L., Dallas, Texas		1941-46	Lawyer, Partner
STEVENS, GEORGE A., Harrod, Ohio		1930-40	Certified Public Accountant
STEVENS, GEORGE M., Chicago, Ill.		1940-45	Attorney
STONE, FRANKLIN M., Waseca, Minn.		1934-44	Attorney, Partner
STRAIN, GEORGE L., LaJunta, Colo.		1940-46	Attorney
STRONG, GENE E., Clayton, Mo.		1942-45	Contractor
SULLIVAN, GEORGE J., Little Silver, N. J.		1942-50	Asst. to Director of Personnel, ACF Industries, Inc.
SULLIVAN, JOHN J., Chicago, Ill.		1941-45	
SULLIVAN, JOSEPH P., Munster, Ind.		1942-45	Superintendent, Industrial Relations Division, Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)
SUTTON, ALVIN J., Cleveland, Ohio		1940-47	President, Buckeye Delivery, Inc.
SUTTON, JOHN F., JR., San Angelo, Tex.		1942-45	Attorney, Partner
SWANSON, DON C., Des Moines, Iowa		1941-49	Attorney
TANSEY, J. JOSEPH, Portland, Maine		1940-51	Lawyer
TAYLOR, JEROME F., Chicago, Ill.		1947-49	Local Manager, Telephone Co.
THOMPSON, LAMONT L., Michigan City, Ind.		1942-44	Sales, CBS & TV
TIERNEY, JOSEPH E., JR., Wauwatosa, Wis.		1941-46	Tax Manager, CPA, Lawyer
TIGHE, FRANCIS D., Aurora, Ill.		1941-45	Police Chief
TOLLETT, RAYMOND L., Big Springs, Texas		1934-37	President, Cosden Petroleum Corp.
TRACY, GERARD B., New York, N. Y.		1942-48	Life Insurance Manager
TRAPANI, PAUL M., Highland Park, Ill.		1931-38	Treasurer, Director, ETM Studios
TRAPP, HAROLD F., Lincoln, Ill.		1942-47	Attorney
TRAYNOR, DUANE L., Springfield, Ill.		1938-46	Lawyer
TURNHOLM, KENNETH O., Minneapolis, Minn.		1942-45	Attorney, Investigator

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Name	City and State	F.B.I. Service	Occupation
TYLER, LYON L., JR.,	Washington, D. C.	1939-45	Attorney
ULSETH, RAGNVALD A.,	Berkley, Mich.	1942-45	Advertising, Branch Mgr.
VAN GERPEN, GEORGE C.,	Park Forest, Ill.	1943-46	Asst. to Vice-President, Retailing
VAN WINKLE, RICHARD A.,	Salt Lake City, Utah	1942-45	Finance, General Manager
VINCENT, JOHN W.,	Bronxville, N. Y.	1933-45	President, Southern Comfort Sales Corp. of N. Y.
VOELKER, RICHARD L., JR.,	New Orleans, La.	1942-52	Attorney, Partner
VOIGT, THEODORE C.,	Watertown, Wis.	1950-53	Police Department, Chief of Police
WAGER, DAN R.,	Tulsa, Okla.	1942-50	Law Dept., Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.
WAGER, EUGENE E.,	Nashville, Tenn.	1942-46	General Shoe Corp.
WALKER, HARVEY D.,	Saginaw, Mich.	1941-42	Attorney
WALTERS, CHARLES J.,	Palatine, Ill.	1942-47	Lawyer
WASHINGTON, GEORGE M.,	Billings, Mont.	1941-44	Vice President, Oil Development, Northern Pacific Railway Company
WASHINGTON, HARRY J.,	Evanston, Ill.	1942-44	Mercury Sales Manager, Ford Motor Co.
WELLS, ALFONSE F.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-44	Judge, Municipal Court of Chicago
WIAND, BURTON F.,	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1939-45	Manager of Public and Industrial Relations, Cities Service Gas Co.
WICKMAN, CLIFFORD W.,	Detroit, Mich.	1949-51	Director, Secy., Loyalty Investigating Com.
WILEY, MARSHALL A.,	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	1942-46	Lawyer
WILKINSON, THOMAS J.,	Short Hills, N. J.	1941-45	Personnel Manager, Brewery
WILLEY, JOHN A.,	Fresno, Calif.	1942-45	Lawyer
WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM H.,	Indianapolis, Ind.	1942-45	Lawyer
WILSON, J. ROBERT,	Akron, Ohio	1941-45	Director of Personnel, Railway Express, Inc.
WOLF, JOHN W.,	Saginaw, Michigan	1937-45	Attorney
WOOD, DELBERT L.,	Chicago, Ill.	1940-47	Chief Special Agent, I. C. R. R.
WYAND, HOWARD L.,	Chicago, Ill.	1928-31	Realtor, Owner
YARGER, ORVAL F.,	Falls Church, Va.	1941-49	President, International Development Co.
YORE, JAMES R.,	Elmhurst, Ill.	1940-45	Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission
YOUNG, JAMES B.,	Louisville, Ky.	1942-44	Lawyer
YOUNGER, EVELLE J.,	Los Angeles, Calif.	1940-46	Judge

## NOTES

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:  
December 20, 1954

FROM :

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER FBI AGENTS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Former Special Agent Gerard B. Tracy, with whom I was acquainted while assigned to New York, called me at 10:50 a.m., 12/20/54, to advise that he is Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents, and that Mortimer Davis, former agent, is President of the Society this year.

Tracy stated the purpose of his call was to point out that both he and Davis are most anxious that they not consider former Special Agents for membership in the Society who were persona non grata as far as the Bureau was concerned at the time of their departure, or who after their departure engaged in activities considered by the Bureau to be unfriendly or embarrassing. He stated that the attitude of Davis and himself is that they would be most desirous of establishing some kind of liaison with an official of the Bureau to permit their cognizance of such situations.

I told Mr. Tracy the matter would be considered and he would be advised.

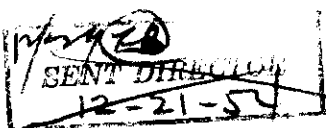
I do not feel we could, in writing, give any indication to Tracy or Davis concerning persons who voluntarily resign from the service but who are considered to be unfriendly, because to do so would be injecting the Bureau into an undesirable situation. I have examined the personnel file of Tracy and find that since his resignation in 1948 he has maintained contact with the Bureau and the correspondence to him from the Bureau has been in a friendly vein. His reputation, as I know it, is that he still has a very high regard for the Director and the Bureau and appears to be a responsible, trustworthy former agent. It might be desirable to indicate to Tracy that in the event they are considering some questionable application for membership, Tracy could feel free to contact me, on an oral, confidential basis. Then, based upon the data contained in our files, consideration could be given as to the desirability of confidentially advising Tracy as to the status of said applicant. In so doing, it might be possible discreetly to keep some malcontent from creating situations within the Society of Former Special Agents which might have potential embarrassment to the Bureau.

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**ACTION:**

If you approve, I will orally inform Tracy that if he has some question concerning the application of a former agent for membership in the Society, he can feel free to ask me about the situation. After reviewing the file on the applicant in question consideration could then be given, in each individual case, as to whether any comment should be made to Tracy.

*James  
Rosen*

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*7-4*

12/27/54 - I telephonically contacted Tracy at 1:20 p.m., 12/27/54, and advised him that it would not be possible to establish liaison for the purpose indicated, for reasons which I was sure he recognized. Tracy stated he well recognized the reasons, but did desire that the Bureau be aware of the fact that they were most anxious to avoid accepting for membership in the Society persons who were not in the good graces of the FBI. I told Tracy that this view was very much appreciated by the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 3, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Tolson ✓  
Boardman ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Harbo ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Parsons ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm ✓  
Sizoo ✓  
Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

You will recall that we were informed that the information pertaining to the Bureau's SAC Letter on [REDACTED] was discussed at a meeting of the Society of <sup>Former</sup> Agents Thursday night, October 7th. If this were true this would tend to negate the information we had to the effect that the information came from the Washington Field Office. You will recall that the information on the SAC Letter was not disseminated by the Field Office until their squad conferences on Friday morning, October 8th. You will also recall that the information we have ~~confidentially~~ secured indicates that former Special Agent [REDACTED] claimed that a Bureau supervisor called him. We have made some checks with negative results on the allegation that the information was discussed at the meeting of the Society of Former Agents and it is felt that this was injected into the matter as a diversionary tactic on the part of [REDACTED] the former Agents who handled the information, to take it away from the Field Office. However, former SA [REDACTED] did advise an Agent of the Field Office voluntarily that this had been discussed at the October 7th meeting.

I had previously talked to [REDACTED] who had not been at the meeting, but stated he would check around. He called to advise me that he has now determined that this was discussed not formally or as a part of the program, but apparently there was a group of Agents involved in a discussion. He has gotten a couple versions. One was that [REDACTED] severed his relations with former SA [REDACTED] and then hired [REDACTED] that this did not set well with the Bureau and a letter was put out which said that if an Agent saw [REDACTED] coming down the street, the Agent should walk over to the other side of the street. Another version was that [REDACTED] had hired [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been a fair-haired boy of the Bureau and since he hired [REDACTED] away from the Bureau the Bureau now frowned on [REDACTED]. There is no question in [REDACTED] mind but that it was discussed, not as a part of any program, but by some Agents at the October 7th meeting.

[REDACTED] wondered if there was anything further he could do. I frankly, told him what the facts were and why we put out the letter and told him that if any further discussion came up that he was at liberty to state he had inquired

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*This would indicate that the leak came out of the Adm. Staff & not from Wash. Field. H.*

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols November 3, 1954

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into the matter and that the account had been badly garbled.  also told me that there was some talk about trying to bring the convention of the Society of the Former Agents to Washington in 1955. He was asked for his views and he stated that they did not have a right to come to Washington yet until they cleaned house and they should not come to Washington until such time as they had taken the steps to prevent Agents not in good standing from joining the Society and get rid of some of those that are in; that when they came to Washington they should come clean so that the Bureau could give them some recognition, either by the Director attending some function or the Director sending some representative. b6

I told him that I thought he was quite right in this. We discussed the various problems.  wanted to be called if there was anything he could do.

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*Society of  
Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.*

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December 13, 1954

Dear Member:

The Chairman of the Insurance Committee for the year 1955 will be  
D. Ross Osborn.

If you have not joined the group insurance program - complete the application  
forwarded in our last letter to you.

There are submitted below the names of applicants who have applied for membership in this Society. It is requested that you carefully study this list and in the event you possess any information bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any of the applicants which you believe would render them unfit for membership in the Society, please communicate with the Chairman of the Membership Committee for 1955 - Gerard B. Tracy NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS after the receipt of this letter.

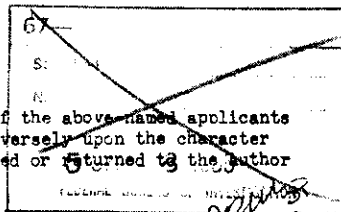
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All communications received from you concerning any of the above named applicants will be treated strictly confidential. Letters bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any applicant will be immediately destroyed or returned to the author upon their request.

Sincerely,

William F. Bolen  
Secretary

P.S. DON'T FORGET DECEMBER 31, 1954 is last day to join GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM  
SEND IN YOUR FORM AND CHECK IMMEDIATELY.



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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *✓ per E*

DATE: January 12, 1955

FROM : J. P. MOHR

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SUBJECT:

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_

Former SA [redacted] who a few years ago was President of the Society of Former Special Agents, came into see the Director on January 11th and was referred to me. [redacted] stated that first of all he was in Washington on business, it being noted he is engaged in the practice of law. He wanted to see the Director and pay his respects, to give the Director some idea of the work which has been done by the Society of Former Special Agents and to discuss with the Director the dismissal of former SA [redacted]

[redacted] stated that former SA [redacted] was formerly assigned to the [redacted] Division; that [redacted] became involved in a [redacted]

[redacted] said that he has known [redacted] for a number of years, both as an agent and a former agent; that [redacted] came to [redacted] and presented his side of the story and [redacted] after hearing what he considered to be both sides of the question, recommended [redacted] for membership in the Society of Former Special Agents. [redacted] application is presently pending before the Executive Committee. [redacted] stated he felt that [redacted] was really a fine fellow [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he understood [redacted]

[redacted] said that as a friend he was just making a pitch for [redacted] and hoped that the Bureau would take some action possible to amend [redacted]

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I told [ ] that I did not have [ ] file and I wasn't certain of the facts in [ ] case but that as I recalled the situation [ ]

[ ] I told [ ] that my recollection of the situation was that it was a rather sordid situation. I also told [ ] that I did not recall anything about a [ ] but I would be glad to check the facts and straighten him out on that score if such was necessary.

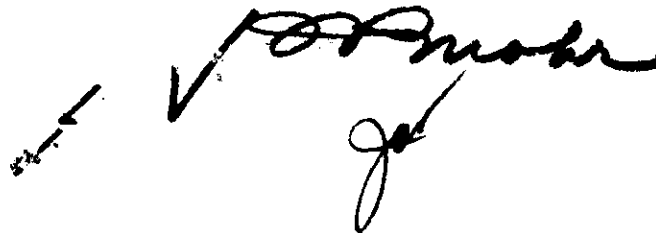
[ ] left and came back later in the afternoon. I told him I had a chance to check the file and that [ ]

[ ] I also told [ ] that there was no way we could change the official record which reflected [ ] removal from the service for personal misconduct and conduct unbecoming a representative of this Bureau. I told [ ] that in some instances where the Bureau had dismissed a man with prejudice that the Director had removed the prejudicial aspect from the separation but it was not possible at this late date to turn around and change it from a dismissal with prejudice to a voluntary resignation. I also told him that the facts in [ ] case did not appear to warrant taking any action to change [ ] separation since [ ] had been guilty of gross misconduct and that nothing had been offered to change the facts in this case.

[ ] stated he understood the situation and his attitude was very friendly and he stated that if he could ever be of assistance to the Bureau all the Bureau had to do was call upon him.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that no further action be taken with respect to this matter.

A handwritten signature, possibly "J. P. Mohr", is written in dark ink. To the left of the signature is a large, bold checkmark. Below the signature, there is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "j" or a similar flourish.

Mr. Tolson

October 25, 1954

L. B. Nichols

[redacted]

*Society of Former Special Agents*

SAC Laughlin called me from the Washington Field Office this morning and stated that there were two developments that occurred over the weekend.

[redacted] of the Washington Field Office was able to run into [redacted] former Special Agent [redacted]. On a very personal and confidential basis, [redacted] secured from [redacted] further details on the alleged contents of the SAC Letter. [redacted] in confidence told [redacted] that he received a telephone call on Thursday night, October 7, 1954, from a Bureau Supervisor who asked him what was back of the [redacted] matter since [redacted] had been put on the Bureau's black list in an SAC Letter. [redacted] would not identify the Bureau Supervisor although he did say that he was not particularly close to the Supervisor but the Supervisor did know that [redacted] had been associate with [redacted] told [redacted] that he is very close to [redacted] personally and he knew that [redacted] was out of town, and since he had a series of appointments on Friday, October 8, 1954, he called former Special Agent [redacted] early Friday morning and asked [redacted] to call former Special Agent [redacted] who is associated with [redacted] and who has an interest in the firm. b6

[redacted] further related that on Friday, October 8, he had lunch with three associates of [redacted] and identified them as [redacted] and the third person he named only as [redacted]. At the time, [redacted] claims he asked what they thought of [redacted] call to [redacted] that morning. He did not elaborate on this.

[redacted] further told [redacted] that the matter of the SAC Letter on [redacted] was discussed at a meeting of the Former Special Agents Society on Thursday night, October 7. SAC Laughlin thinks that this meeting was held at the Burlington Hotel.

cc: Mr. Mohr  
LBN:arm

This is shocking and indicates we have a rat in one of our Divisions here at headquarters.

Hoover

55 JAN 10 1955 <sup>63</sup>

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE: [redacted]

[redacted] is still going to try to pump [redacted] further.

The very first thing this morning, Special Agent [redacted] who has previously furnished information as a result of his conversation with former Special Agent [redacted] came in and told Laughlin that at church yesterday he ran into a former Agent. He gave Laughlin the former Agent's initials, which were [redacted] and Laughlin inquired if this was [redacted] confirmed this and then related that [redacted] asked [redacted] "What's the story on [redacted] being on the Bureau's black list?" [redacted] said he did not know and asked [redacted] where he heard of any such thing. [redacted] stated he heard it discussed at the last meeting of the Former Special Agents Society, which he described as Thursday, October 7. There was nothing further said between [redacted]

Laughlin was wondering how direct our informant was to the information because he reasoned that it probably grew out of the Friday luncheon meeting of [redacted] Laughlin further emphasized that [redacted] statement that he asked the three, "What do you think of [redacted] call to [redacted] this morning?" tended to confirm [redacted] version that he got the information from [redacted] Laughlin further stated that if this came out at the Society of Former Agents meeting on Thursday evening, October 7, then he believes this changes the complexion so far as the source was concerned. Laughlin recounted that the SAC Letter arrived in the Washington Field Office, Thursday afternoon, October 7. He stated that he has now definitely determined that he did not give the SAC Letter to his secretary, [redacted] to excerpt the portion pertaining to [redacted] until Friday morning and [redacted] typed this up and then he, Laughlin, gave this excerpt to the Supervisors of the Washington Field Office at 8:25 a.m. on October 8, to take up at the Supervisors conferences and that he is definite that no one in the Washington Field Office had the contents of the letter in the Washington Field Office until Friday morning.

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Laughlin stated that this in no wise takes away from the seriousness of the matter since there was still a leak and whether the leak occurred in the Field Office or elsewhere did not matter to him.

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I think that this latter information about the matter being taken up at the Former Agents Society meeting adds to the mystery. I am trying now to get confirmation independently. I talked to one former Special Agent this morning on another matter and casually brought up the last meeting of the Society of Former Special Agents. This former Agent was not at the meeting but stated he can find out what transpired without indicating any interest. The former Agent I talked to was [redacted]

With reference to the mailing of the SAC Letter dated October 5, 1954, I have checked back on it. The yellow of the letter itself was dated September 29, referring to the day it was typed. It reached the Director's office on September 29 where it was approved and reached Mr. Harbo's office on September 30. This letter in turn was prompted by the Director's notation on [redacted] memo of September 20, wherein the Director stated, "We must see that we are most circumspect in all dealings with [redacted] here and in the field." This memo was checked in the routing block to Mr. Tolson, Boardman, Nichols, Belmont, Mohr, Rosen and Sizoo. In the meantime, I had prepared a letter to the Legal Attaches dated September 22, which was mailed on September 24th. This was checked to Messrs. Boardman, Mohr, Rosen and Sizoo. The SAC Letter was processed and went out with the weekly SAC Letter which is dated October 5, 1954. This carries the Communications stamp indicating it was mailed October 5th. I verified the fact that it was placed in circulation on October 5th because it was checked into the various administrative offices at the Seat of Government.

I rechecked this matter with SAC Laughlin. He stated the letter was received in the Washington Field Office on October 6th, which would be Wednesday. There is no reason to doubt this because if it went out of the Mail Room on the evening of October 5th and even though it was delivered in the Washington Field Office on the evening of October 5th, since it was Bureau mail it would not be opened in Mr. Laughlin's office until the following morning if it arrived after Mr. Laughlin and his staff had left. Mr. Laughlin did not have a chance to thoroughly read this letter and indicate action until the following evening, October 7th, and then he had [redacted] type the pertinent paragraph on the morning of October 8th. b6

With reference to further pursuing this matter, since Mr. Mohr is close to former Special Agent [redacted] I would like to suggest he endeavor to ascertain from [redacted] if this was taken up at the Society of Former Agents on October 7th. Perhaps [redacted] might have some indication as to where it came from.

LBN:MP

OK  
Tolson  
10/26

OK  
Hoover

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 17, 1955

FROM :

SUBJECT: SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS  
OF THE FBI

Tolson ✓  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At approximately 3:00 p.m., January 17, 1955, Mortimer J. Davis, President, and Gordon A. Philips, Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents, together with Karl G. Hastedt, Managing Editor, Sunday Times-Advertiser, Trenton, New Jersey, called at the Director's Office. They talked briefly with Miss Gandy, who introduced Special Agent [redacted] Crime Records Section, to them and instructed him to afford them a special tour of Bureau facilities.

Davis, Philips and Hastedt indicated at the beginning of the tour that they had come to Washington to meet with Vice President Nixon and to have some photographs taken with him. They stated their time was limited and could allot only about forty-five minutes for their tour. Accordingly, they were shown briefly through the exhibit rooms and the balance of the time was spent in the Laboratory. They asked numerous questions concerning the Bureau's work and seemed to be thoroughly impressed with the Laboratory. They made several commendatory remarks concerning the Bureau and the Director. At the conclusion of the tour, they were invited to return when time permitted so that the remaining portion of our facilities could be shown to them.

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Mr. Davis indicated that he would like some time in the future to come back to Washington and see the Director. It was suggested to Mr. Davis that he call in advance to determine if the Director would be in his office. Mr. Davis E.O.D. [redacted] and resigned [redacted]

Mr. Hastedt works with Mr. Philips on the preparation of the Society publication, "The Grapevine." Although files have not been searched concerning Hastedt, the Director wrote him a letter under date of May 19, 1954, and at that time there was no information available in Bureau files concerning Hastedt. Relations with his newspaper at that time were favorable.

Philips is a former Agent. EOD [redacted] who resigned [redacted]

cc - Mr. Nichols  
cc - Mr. Holloman  
cc - Tour Room

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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January 25, 1955

Mr. James A. Carlson



Society of Former Agents

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Your letter of January 19, 1955, with enclosures, has been received.

It was most thoughtful of you to write and bring a copy of the 1955 calendar of events and the news release concerning your recent meeting to my attention. I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for your expression and that of the other members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI indicating a desire to be of assistance to my associates and me.

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You may be sure that should an occasion arise in which we need help, we will feel free to call upon you and your membership.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

RECEIVED JAN 25 1955

COMM - FBI

NOTE: Correspondent EOD [redacted] as SA. He resigned [redacted]

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] Correspondent enclosed a calendar of events for the year 1955 for the Pittsburgh Chapter of this organization and a press release concerning a recent meeting of the group. Title of organization per official directory of the group.

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Handwritten initials and date: 2/1/55

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Boardman ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Belmont ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Parsons ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Sizoo ✓  
 Mr. Winterrowd ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Holloman ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

January 19, 1955

b6

PERSONAL

Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

PA. Last night was the first quarterly meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society of Former Agents of the F.B.I. Thirty former agents were in attendance at a dinner meeting in a private dining room of the William Penn Hotel. Mr. A. H. Birchfield, President of the Joseph Horne Company, and 1954 President of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce was our guest speaker. We are having an outstanding Pittsburgh businessman or industrialist as our guest at each dinner meeting this year.

The membership of our chapter unanimously recommended that this letter be written to you expressing an earnest desire on the part of each individual and the Chapter to be of any assistance possible to you and the F.B.I. We are sincerely attempting to maintain the high standards set by the F.B.I. and to have our organization known in the industrial and civic world of Pittsburgh, as one in which you can be justly proud.

We thought you would be interested in seeing our calendar for 1955, and also one of the news releases, which appeared in all the Pittsburgh papers, prior to our dinner meeting. These are attached.

With kindest personal regards from all of us.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Carlson

President, Pittsburgh Chapter  
 Society of Former Agents  
 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER  
SOCIETY OF FORMER AGENTS OF THE F.B.I., INC.  
1955 CALENDAR

January 18 - Wm. Penn Hotel, Regular Dinner Meeting  
February or March - Theatre Party - Playhouse - With Wives  
Theatre - After Theatre, Supper  
April 12 - Wm. Penn Hotel, Regular Dinner Meeting  
May - Afternoon Bridge for Wives  
SUMMER - Picnic for Families  
September 13 - Wm. Penn Hotel, Regular Dinner Meeting  
October - Dinner Dance  
November - Convention - Detroit  
December 6 - Wm. Penn Hotel, Regular Dinner Meeting

LUNCHEON - First Friday Every Month -  
12:00 Noon- Park Loggia,  
Wm. Penn Hotel

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Chapter</u>	- Fred L. Barnes	<u>Nominating</u>	- Richard B. Hood
<u>Entertainment</u>	- Wm. H. McLaughlin	<u>Placement</u>	- Alexander B. Adams
<u>Insurance</u>	- R. G. McCallum	<u>"Grapevine"</u>	- Earl E. Riley
<u>Membership</u>	- James J. Dillon	<u>Public Relations</u>	- J. Gareth Hitchcock

### Ex-FBI Agents to Hear A. H. Burchfield

A. H. Burchfield, of Joseph Horne Company, will be the speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Society of Former Agents of the FBI, in the William Penn Hotel Tuesday evening. The meeting, a dinner in a private dining room, will be held in honor of John Devlin, Pittsburgh attorney, who was president of the chapter for the past five years.

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Friday, January 14, 1955

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Society of Former F.B.I. Agents

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 17, 1955

11:45 am

Former Special Agent Mortimer Davis, now President of the Society of Former Special Agents, tele. from the Capitol. He said he had to come down to Washington today; is presently in the Vice President's office, and asked if he could come in this afternoon to leave his respects. He said he knows Mr. Hoover is out of the city.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Sizoo
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

He will be in this afternoon between 2:30 and 3:00 o'clock.

hwg

2:45 pm

Mortimer Davis, former Special Agent Gordon A. Philips (editor of the Grapevine) and Karl G. Hastedt, (associate editor of the Grapevine, and with the Trenton Times Newspapers) came to the reception room. Mr. Davis asked that their respects be conveyed to Mr. Hoover and indicated in conversation that the Society of Former Special Agents are to hold a meeting in October and expect to ask Mr. Hoover to attend.

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They indicated a desire to see the Bureau, and in the absence of Mr. Nichols, Mr. McGuire assigned Special Agent [ ] to conduct the tour.

The attached Grapevines were left for the Director.  
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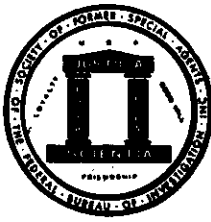
# the Grapevine

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*Society Former Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.*



*Society member A. G. (Al) Berens is one of the top administrative officers of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn.*



JANUARY, 1955

Society of Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.  
Roosevelt Hotel, 45th and Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

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## It's New Life!

Convention delegates have returned home to spread the news of the successful meeting at Chicago. Reports of greater interest in the Society are beginning to reach the Editor's desk.

Each mail to National Headquarters brings in a new batch of applicants for membership, and quite often a petition is received for a new chapter. Action is being reported by local members within the chapters regarding suggestions and ideas developed in the business sessions of the convention.

Detroit members started to plan the next international meeting while they were packing their bags to leave Chicago. Letters to members 'round the world close with the phrase — "See you in Detroit next November":

We can sum up the spirit in one little catch line — it's new life! The organization is alive with activity. Members realize all of us have a voice in the Society's purposes and its government. Committees are working to give the field more representation based on resolutions suggested by the delegates.

The "new life" didn't start overnight. It has taken executive officers and past presidents many long days and hours of careful planning to bring about this new experience. The beauty of the whole program has been that everyone has done his share without financial compensation or thoughts of personal gain. It's been voluntary all the way!

Our new administration has kept the pace going and the new committees appointed have been eager to roll up sleeves for hard work. Chapters are holding regular meetings and coordinating their programs with that of the Society.

The organization is really humming. It's new life!

G. A. P.



# Charter Revision Is Before Society

## New York Quarterly Meeting February 2 To Act on Regional Representation

President Mortimer J. Davis is losing no time carrying out the decisions reached at the first National Convention at Chicago.

When the National Society holds its first quarterly meeting of 1955 at the Advertising Club, 23 Park Avenue at 35th Street, New York City, on Wednesday night, February 2, an important proposal will be presented.

This has to do with giving the various areas of the country more direct representation in handling the affairs of the Society. In this way, the Society would actually represent a cross-section of its nationwide membership rather than one or two areas alone.

President Davis and the Society officers and executive committee consider the matter so important that the entire meeting, following the dinner period, will be devoted to action on the plan to be proposed. Beyond the cocktail and reception period at 6 p. m. preceding the dinner, there will be no entertainment.

Should the proposal be approved, the amendments then will be presented to the entire membership for final adoption.

### Send Those Delegates

For that reason it is hoped that all Society chapters throughout the country will have a representative on hand at the New York meeting on February 2.

The proposal to be presented for regional representation on the Society executive committee originated with a committee of delegates at the Chicago convention. William J. Rooney, chairman of the meeting at which the proposal was discussed, named a sub-committee to work out many of the details. This sub-committee was composed of Carl W. Hughes of San Fran-

cisco, chairman; A. Ross Miller, Louis P. Myers, Forrest C. Pendleton, Eugene X. Humphrey, Nathaniel J. Klein, John V. Moran and Harry J. Hayes, all representing different sections of the country. The committee recommended an amendment to the Society constitution to cover the regional representation and several other changes, and that an appropriate amendment be prepared by the Society's executive committee.

### West Coast Action

The San Francisco Chapter, in order to implement the Chicago action and to bring the matter officially before the executive committee as provided in the constitution, on December 2 adopted a formal petition embodying the amendments to the constitution and by-laws. The petition, signed by 15 members of the San Francisco Chapter, was submitted by Chairman James B. Werson.

President Davis turned the San Francisco amendment over to a sub-committee composed of Chairman William J. Rooney, Richard H. Simons, Phil Dunn and Daniel L. O'Connor. The committee has held several meetings and before Christmas had worked out an acceptable draft which precisely defined the changes and eliminated all possible confusion and repetition.

### Areas Defined

To carry out the regional representation, the amendments provide for six vice presidents, with the first vice president to be chosen from the states of Connecticut, New Jersey or New York. Additional vice presidents would be from regional areas as follows:

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# Berens Has Important Job On Staff At Mayo Clinic

## Con-Men Left Town In Big Hurry After He Got To Rochester

Al G. Berens (1933-41) is busy these days up in Rochester, Minn., where he is a member of the administrative staff of the famed Mayo Clinic and where he has become one of the area's leading citizens.

When Al joined the Mayo Clinic organization back in 1941, Rochester was the mecca not only for the thousands of sick who went there seeking medical help, but also for the con-men who were growing rich on the hundreds of thousands of dollars they were fleecing from unsuspecting patients. With Al Berens' arrival, the "payoff" games abruptly ceased and in all the years since then only one attempt has been made to reopen the racket. Bureau agents promptly stepped in. Now, as far as Rochester, Minn., is concerned, the confidence racket men stay clear of the place.

During World War II Berens directed the security program at the Mayo Clinic where restricted work was being done for the Air Corps on the effect of high altitude flying and dive bombing on the human system.

### Former S. Paul SAC

Al had an outstanding record in the Bureau prior to joining the Mayo Clinic organization. He had been SAC of the St. Paul Field Office for a year at the time of his resignation. The eight years between his appointment as a Special Agent in 1933 and his resignation in 1941 were packed with lots of travel and many varied experiences on several of the big cases of the period. Al remembers that it was financial worries of the early days of the depression plus the adventure indicated in the hunt for kidnapers



Al G. Berens

and the Dillingers of the 1930s which lured him into applying for a Special Agent's appointment. "It also took the judgment," writes Al, "or perhaps the 'oversight' of Werner Hanni, then SAC of St. Paul, to enable me to enter training for six weeks in September of 1933 along with about 13 other neophytes. Those were the training days of Johnny Keith, Frank Blackman and the beginning of the eventful resign of Hugh Clegg."

Berens' first assignment involving war risk insurance cases in Birmingham and Memphis, didn't have the savor of the hot and exciting stuff which older and more experienced agents were assigned to. But under the excellent guidance of SAC John Hanson and the energetic Bill Rorer, Al began to catch on to the art of being a Special Agent. What he calls his "dream" assignment was working under C. C. Spears at Portland, Ore. It was in Portland that he was married, following which he was sent on a two-week road trip. In the years since, three sons have been added to the Berens clan, Mike, now at the University of Minnesota; Dick, age 15, and Dan, 8.

## Here's 75 Years of Bureau Service



North American Life and Casualty Company at Minneapolis can boast of having the above eight employees who combined had more than 75 years of FBI service before joining the well known insurance carrier. In the front row, left to right, the beauties are Shirley Albertson, Cleon Olson, Lou Latza and Shirley Mahood — all former stenos in the Minneapolis Field Division. The former G-Men are Vernon Johnson, Louis Bricker, Ray Johnson, assistant to the president, and Roy "Stub" Noonan. Little wonder North American is moving ahead so fast with such talent!

### Assigned to Baltimore

The need for a fledgling supervisor under Ed Tamm (now Federal Judge Ed Tamm) brought Berens to Washington. A resident agency of many years was vacated by Maury Traub at Baltimore and Al then covered the entire state of Maryland. There's now a large office covering the same area. From that assignment Berens again was made supervisor, working with such top-flight Bureau men as Lou Nichols, John McGuire, Bob Hendon, Bob Hicks, John Mathis, Bob Joseph and many others. A year later, the Richmond, Va., Field Office was opened and Berens became its first head in April 1937. From that post he was transferred to St. Paul, the rugged north and more than a year of police training. It was about that

time the Bureau was expanding its police training and the first all state program was started in Wisconsin under leadership of Hugh Clegg and Lea Boardman. Al made the circuit of 13 cities for nearly a year in the police training program, and then was named SAC at St. Paul, the position he resigned to join the Mayo Clinic.

Berens says that one aspect of working for this world-famed medical institution is similar to working for the FBI. That's the "satisfaction one experiences in being affiliated with great leadership in the particular field covered by each of these great institutions."

The two eminent surgeons, Dr. Will Mayo and Dr. Charlie Mayo, through their skill and humanitarian char-

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## From This Corner

By GORDON A. PHILIPS

Chicago's still talking about our great Convention. And the comment is all very favorable. Witness Tony Weitzel's remarks in his "Town Crier" column in the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS.

Says Tony, "Quietest convention-eers of the year, last November's ex-FBI agents. Hotel chiefs say they practically went underground." It's nice to attend a truly business and friendly convention instead of the usual type—noise and wine. Little wonder Chicago is proud of the fact they had us first.

### Press Relations Excellent

Don McVay, Chicago's new chapter chairman, heads an important committee with the American Newspaper Publishers Association and reports press clippings from 'round the world indicate the newspapers thought our convention tops. He is certain the Society's fine standing nationally was materially lifted to a very high position among the country's great organizations.

The many friends of Guy Banister will be interested to learn he retired as Chicago FBI Chief on November 30th. His first official act upon retirement was to fill out the application blank for Society membership. The popular former SAC lives with his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Mary Jane, at 427 S. Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.

Among the many members at the convention from Florida was Ken Altschul of Miami. Ken is a partner in the new Special Agent Investigators and predicts bigger things for Florida in the Miami-Pompano Beach area for the coming years. Ken joined the Southern boys in taking an active part in the new plans for the Society discussed at the business sessions.

### More Convention Shorts

An important guy at Milwaukee is this fellow called Bob Riordan who

writes feature stories for the Milwaukee Sentinel. Bob did a splendid article for us on the local chapter there, and it was a pleasure to enjoy an hour's luncheon with him. He feels our members are the community leaders in his hometown.

The senior member of the New Orleans Chapter, Forrest Pendleton, was on hand and looked fine. He brought United States Attorney George Blue with him. If you ever go to their town, I'd recommend looking them up. These boys are most co-operative and would show you a great time.

Ross Miller, security director for North American Aviation, flew to Chicago from Los Angeles to represent his large chapter. We can report he took part in all discussions and brought many constructive suggestions from the West Coast group.

One of the most popular fellows present was John Keating, formerly of the New York Field Division. John retired shortly before convention time, immediately became a Society member and headed to the Windy City where he received a warm and friendly greeting from former associates. He had 32 years of faithful FBI service at retirement.

Philadelphia Chapter Chairman Austin Gunsel invited Mort Davis and yours truly to visit his group this month at their regular meeting. Both of us accepted and are looking forward to seeing the boys on the 25th. Austin is chief investigator for the National Football League and keeps the game on its high level throughout the country.

### Thoughts While Shaving

Did you ever stop to realize how many former assistant directors, special agents in charge and inspectors are now members of the Society? Two more assistant directors have

## The Boys From Kentucky



The great Chicago Convention of the Society wouldn't have been quite so complete without these Society members from Kentucky. It was easy to spot this happy group because of their distinctive ties and they exuded southern charm in true story-book fashion. Among the string tie wearers at the convention were Charles P. Breese, Bill Cofer, Marshall Funk, Paul Hansen, Ed Hays, Bemis Lawrence, Arnold Lemaire, Elmond Martin, Don Nemitz, Nelson Perry, Ed Robbins and Jim Young.

just joined, Milton Ladd and Stanley Tracy. From this corner, it looks to me as if we could hit fairly close to 4,000 members before Detroit next November. Let's all resolve to secure at least one new applicant this year. If we do that, we'll beat the prediction.

We were pleased to note that almost 80 per cent of the members who were prominently mentioned in the magazine were at Chicago. That's a good batting average—and we hope the other 20 per cent will make the next. By that time, your editors will try to get your name in type so that all of us will be on hand.

By the way, you fellows are really flooding us with news and stories at Trenton. Since most of the articles are written by Karl Hastedt and myself, it may take awhile for your information to make the magazine. Don't get discouraged—keep the material coming. We've got 12 issues to fill this year and 384 pages. Let's hear from YOU!

— HAPPY NEW YEAR! —

## Wider Distribution Of Grapevine Urged

Society member W. Edmund Peters (1930-35) of 59 Turf Court, Webster Groves, Mo., suggests that an excellent way to advertise the Society is to distribute copies of the Grapevine each month to top executives in various communities throughout the country. "This would do more good," he says, "than all of the letters that any individual might write."

Ed says each Chapter could obtain the names of key men in various industries in each city through the local Chamber of Commerce. The Chapter then could mail out copies of the Grapevine to the men in its particular locality.

"I'm merely passing this along," writes Ed, "as a suggestion to the Society in the hope that we will become better known as a national organization."

## Davis Picks Heads For 1955 Committees

President Mort Davis announced his selection of the Society's committee chairmen for the current year following last month's Executive Committee meeting at the National Headquarters.

He has chosen Richard H. Simons, vice president of Adley Express Co., to head the important Chapter Committee. As the head of the Society's entertainment, Ralph D. Brown, vice president of J. C. Penny Co., will attempt to bring top flight programs to the quarterly meetings.

Davis secured the assistance of Gerard B. Tracy to look for new members in 1955. Tracy promises to do as good a job as he does for Prudential Insurance Co. D. Vincent Hurley, public relations expert with the U. S. Brewers Foundation, was selected to handle the same job for the Society.

A newcomer but a livewire, D. Ross Osborn, Conn. Mutual's number one agent, will act as the Insurance Committee's director. He succeeds President Davis to this post. For the Placement Chairman, Tom Myers was the popular choice since he has had years of experience as the director of personnel for Radio Free Europe. Gordon A. Philips, Trenton attorney and Magistrate, was reappointed Publications Chairman and Editor of the GRAPEVINE with Karl G. Hastedt as Associate Editor.

## New Job for Carr

Francis P. Carr, Jr., who recently resigned as chief investigator for Senator McCarthy's committee, is now an executive with Associated Transport, Inc., at 380 Madison Avenue, New York. The Society member is residing in Forest Hills and hopes to attend the quarterly meetings in New York City.

## Art Williams' Mail Often Goes Astray

Arthur F. Williams (1942-54) who lives at 361 Sussex Road in that lush town of Wood-Ridge, N. J., like many other residents of that community, has trouble with his mail.

Due to the similarity of names, about half the mail destined for Wood-Ridge winds up at Woodbridge, N. J., a considerable distance away in Middlesex County and not even in a class with Arthur's home town.

What hurt Arthur most, however, was that our own Society Directory which came out last Summer made the same mistake. It listed him as living at 361 Sossey Road, Woodbridge. Art had sent in the address himself, lettered in his own hand-printing which, he had always thought, was extremely legible.

"To confirm this opinion of my hand-writing," writes Art, "I printed '361 Sussex Road' and showed it to three friends for their opinion. Each promptly answered 'That looks like 361 Sossey Road' to me. In the future I use the typewriter."

The 1955 Society Directory, we hope, will have Art's correct address. Art, by the way, is in partnership with Society member John F. Kelly in Investigators, Inc., with offices at 40 Walnut Street, Newark, N. J. Business, reports Art, is going along well. He also has a good word for the Grapevine. "As an oldtime scribbler and editor," he writes, "I can say only that I am astonished at the quality of our magazine."

## Convention Suggestion

New York's Bill Seery suggests there should be a memento available for the Society's convention. He believes a commemorative, such as a desk or pocket lighter, bill fold and the like, might be bought by members. These items could be properly inscribed and purchased at wholesale prices. Samples would be shown at the convention and ordered by the members.

## *Two Widely Known Florida Residents*



Former Bureau members will recognize Society member Nathaniel J. Klein, widely known Miami Beach attorney, (left) in the photo above with Florida Governor Charles Johns. The picture was snapped at a recent function at Miami. X-Agent Klein, a former New Jersey attorney, is now a member of the law firm of Warren, Klein, Lehrman, Shorestein and Kline at Miami Beach. The senior member of the firm is former Governor Fuller Warren of Florida. Since moving to Florida, Nat has taken an active part in many affairs. He is a member of the Florida State Board of Law Examiners, is one of the owners and officers of Radio Station WINZ at Miami, and president of the Miami-Biscayne Television Corporation which recently received an FCC permit to build and operate a Miami TV station. Most weekends Nat commutes to Nassau in the Bahamas where he has an ownership interest in the new Fort Montagu Beach Hotel. In addition, his work takes him frequently to many parts of the U. S. In the past year alone, he traveled some 60,000 miles by air on legal and quasi-legal business.

## *The Convention Was For Ladies, Too!*

# I Went to the X-FBI Men's Fair

By RUTH L. BROWN

G-Men are always going places. Unfortunately their wives are less itinerant.

Twenty years following the notorious convention of the Karpis-Barker and Dillinger gangs on Chicago's south side, more than 500 of J. Edgar Hoover's x-boys assembled at the Conrad Hilton to attend the first national convention of their Society. Present were those young men who not long ago surrendered their gold badges to venture into business, and

Writer Ruth Leazenby Brown is the wife of Society member Ralph W. Brown. Ralph, who had a notable FBI career, is coordinator of public relations of the J. C. Penney Company and special assistant to Board Chairman Penney. Articles by Mrs. Brown have appeared in a number of leading magazines.

the older ones who made FBI history during the thirties. The unity among former Special Agents manifests itself in every greeting, every handshake. Old friends got together. They made new ones.

The first morning in a crowded elevator I was greeted by someone I last saw in 1933. The distinguished gentleman is former Assistant United States Attorney General, Jim McInerney.

### Met New York Neighbor

Bill Seery is our New York neighbor, but in Chicago we found time to reminisce. The Al Johnsons had a suite at the Hilton, but it was difficult to maintain surveillance. Mr. Muzzey is still that personable Al. The Kentucky Colonels were striking in their black strings.

From Reynolds Metals came Jim (Reynolds), Roy Davis, Paul Hansen and Ed Robbins, but no wives. It was a pleasure to see Mr. and Mrs. Jim Egan. George Stevens from Ohio contends that he operates a farm. Perhaps it is Monica who manages. She was absent. John Vincent bagged a deer and returned in time to meet Frances at the convention. Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Jenkins are the same delightful couple. Mr. Edmund Peters from St. Louis was about; also A. V. Karcher from Big Springs, Texas, and the Mayor of Marshalltown, Iowa, John Mowry. The wives who were fortunate enough to attend were not permitted to vote for the Society's new officers, but I marked an X for Mortimer Davis.

We talked brunch with the Gordon Philippses, dined with the McCallums, the William Jennings and the Metcalfes. After M-C-ing all evening Jim made the deadline for the morning edition.

Mr. Danenberg took me on a fascinating journey across the desert on a mule. He got his man, and we didn't leave the Hilton lobby.

### Luncheon at Marshall Fields

Mr. Richmond's superb luncheon at Marshall Field's afforded me an opportunity to see that beautiful store which I last visited the year of the incident at the Biograph Theatre.

The colorful climax to the Chicago meeting was the banquet in the Hilton's lovely ball room. Farewells were said with reluctance—and promises were made to meet in 1955. Those three days at the X-FBI convention were reparation for the many times I stayed at home. Much has happened to those struggling law students I knew in the late twenties. The waistline—the hairline—perhaps. With wonder and admiration I glanced at their titles. Governors, Congressmen, Vice Presidents, outstanding leaders in every field of endeavor. Their smiles reflect the satisfaction of accomplishment. Their eyes are earnest with determination. J. Edgar Hoover can be proud of his x-boys.

G-Men are forever going places!

### Gmerek Returns Home

John Gmerek has returned home from Casablanca, Morocco, where he was employed as an investigator with the Atlas Constructors. He is living now at 121 East Logan Avenue, State College, Pa.



## *A Few of Our Convention Ladies*



These attractive wives of Chicago Convention delegates from various sections of the country took time out during the festivities to renew acquaintances. (Photo No. 37). Convention photos may be ordered by number from ETM Studios, 141 West Ohio Street, Chicago 10, Ill.

### **Ray Tollett Meets His Old No. 1 Man At Chicago Party**

If you missed Ray L. Tollett at the Chicago convention, we can report that he was there.

Ray, who is now president of the Cosden Petroleum Corporation at Big Spring, Texas, attended the Friday afternoon party at the opening of the convention and who should he meet up with but his old No. 1 man, Vic Clary of Akron, Ohio. The two of them missed some of the later meetings but they sure had a fine time renewing acquaintances among friends in Chicago.

But Ray was working for the So-

ciety just the same. While in Chicago, he met X-Agent Myles F. Hall, president of Como Oil Company at Duluth, Minn., who was attending an American Petroleum Institute meeting there and who, through Ray's auspices, will soon have a signed membership application in the mails.

### **Olsen Visits Italy**

Charles (Chuck) Olsen who was married last August and then left for a year in Europe, is getting a chance to do considerable sightseeing abroad. He and Mrs. Olsen were at Nice, France, enroute to Italy when they dropped a note to Society headquarters. They've already seen much of France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

## **Brennan \$10 Prize Winner For Identifying Old Photo**

**Correctly Lists Names of All Those Appearing in  
Firearms Training Class Picture Taken  
At Springfield, Ill, in July, 1939**

John E. Brennan of 4410 Dresden Avenue, St. Louis, is the winner of the \$10 award offered for the identification of the men appearing in a photo of a FBI firearms training class which was published in the November issue of the Grapevine.

Jack identified every member in the group without a moment's hesitation. A very good reason was that he himself is in the photo.

Several other Society members also tried their hand at identifying the men in the group but missed out on from one to three names.

Brennan reports that the picture was taken in July, 1939 at the National Guard Range at Springfield, Ill. He was then assigned to the St. Louis office and was designated as firearms instructor for the class at Springfield.

If you have the November issue of the Grapevine handy, turn to Page 20 on which the photo was published. Here is the list of names as submitted by Brennan:

First row, left to right, Jack Waldman, Phil Dunne, Grover C. Thompson, Pierce Pratt. Back row, left to right, Frank Stone, Jack Brennan, Chris Callan, Bill Temple, Dave Scruggs, Bob Murphy and John Williams.

"I don't recall who took the picture," writes Jack Brennan, "but do remember the swell feed we had." In business life, Jack is now an electronics specialist at St. Louis.

### **Kirkland Places Second**

Jim Kirkland, who now runs the swank Bahama Colony cottages at Daytona Beach, Fla., missed out on only one name in the photo, that of Pierce Pratt. He recalls that the photo was a joint firearms training shot of the Springfield and St. Louis

Bureau offices. He, too, says it was taken in July, 1939.

Society member Charles B. Allen of 53 State Street, Boston, Mass., also submitted a list of names but missed on three names.

Another Society member who came close is Don Johnson of the Standolind Oil and Gas Company, Fort Worth, Texas. Don was unable to identify Pierce Pratt and also Jack Brennan. He supplies this further information on the men in the photo: "Franklin Stone is now an attorney in Minnesota and a member of the Society. Chris Callan was then resident agent at Danville, Ill. Dave Scruggs is now assigned, I believe, to the Oklahoma City office, and Bob Murphy, No. 1 man at Peoria and Springfield, was later the No. 1 man at New York and I believe is still with the Bureau. John Williams for some years was a Bureau supervisor. Phil Dunne, I understand, is in the Chicago office.

"The main thing that puzzles me about this picture is why I'm not in it inasmuch as I am sure it was taken during my period of service at Peoria and Springfield. However, I assure you that it has been very pleasant to have the revival of old memories which it has brought to me."

The Editor's check to Jack Brennan is on its way. A new contest will follow soon.

### **Bob King With Nixon**

Former FBI Agent Robert L. King is now the top administrator in the Office of the Vice President of the United States. He was formerly general manager of Southern Comfort Corp. in St. Louis before joining Vice President Richard Nixon's staff this month.

## Bob Jackson Gives Welcome To X-Agents Visiting Paris

### Reports on His Work With Free Europe University

From Paris comes a recent communication from Society member Robert J. Jackson (1947-53) who is assistant to the executive officer of the Paris office of the Free Europe University in Exile.

One of the welcome arrivals from the States, Bob reports, is his copy of the Grapevine which he considers "must" reading "from cover to cover."

"We're kept quite busy," reports Bob, "handling correspondence, personnel records, recruiting and placement of students, liaison with French and American agencies, and facilitating European travel for our VIP's."

"We also have had to do some official traveling this last year and so far have visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Belgium, England and Ireland."

"The University last year had an enrollment of 170 exile students from ten East European countries and gave fellowship assistance to another 65. The Free Europe University in Exile is a division of the Free Europe Committee Inc., of New York City of which X-SA Thomas E. Myers is the director of personnel."

"Paris and the Rue de la Paix attract lots of visitors and we have had some pleasant contacts this Fall. Of course, Tom Myers was over to see us. X-SA C. H. Olsen stopped in our office on his way to Germany. X-SA Tom Brady, former personnel officer of Radio Free Europe in Munich, and his lovely wife Arlene were visiting in Paris for five days on their way to Lourdes and Madrid. We had cocktails at the Ritz bar and reminisced and reviewed 'Bureau stories.' X-SA William McCarthy, now major, USAF-OSI, stationed in Germany, was in town and we had a two-hour conference at the Am-



Bob Jackson

bassade du Champagne, where he briefed me on the latest news from SOG. At a birthday party for Robert La Bossiere, assistant legal attache at the Embassy here, we ran into X-SAs Horton Telford, E. W. Timm and Walter Gates. At a matter of fact, we seem to run into those three at every social function around here."

### ADAMS IN NEW POST

Joseph P. Adams (1951-52) who has been industrial relations assistant with the Randall Company in Cincinnati, reports that he has become associated with Perkins and Geoghegan Inc., general agents for the Aetna Casualty Company handling all types of general insurance. The firm has offices in the Mercantile Library Building, Cincinnati. Joe resides at 1333 Edward Road, Cincinnati. The imminent arrival of the stork in his family, he informs us, prevented his attendance at the Chicago convention.

## *Rath Started New Career While Patient in Hospital*

**Toy Invented for Son Gave Idea for Job.  
Now He's Vice President of AMSCO**

The varied and colorful career of Harvey Rath, former FBI special agent, now a key management figure in the nation's leading toy firm, began with a job as an insurance investigator back in 1940. An injury requiring his hospitalization in late 1946 had a lot to do with shaping his unusual future, as did the birth of his first son earlier that same year.

The insurance position, taken shortly after his graduation from Seton Hall College, took Harvey out on an investigation which brought him into contact with an FBI Special Agent whose enthusiasm for his work aroused Harvey's interest in the

Bureau. He applied, passed his examinations, and entered service with the FBI in January, 1941.

For brief periods Harvey served in the Bureau's Oklahoma and Milwaukee field divisions. Most of his time as a Special Agent, however, was spent in the New York office assigned to the espionage desk. There for two and one-half years he was supervisor on the famous Comrap case, of which New York was the office of origin.

### **Designed Toy While in Hospital**

In 1946, while on a surveillance, Harvey suffered an injury which

## *Does His Best to Keep Kids Happy*



Harvey Rath, vice-president of American Metal Specialties Corporation, makers of famous "Kidd-E" and "Doll-E" toys, surrounded by the toys that made AMSCO a leader in its field.

## Toy Helps Kids Earn Money



Harvey Rath (left), vice-president of American Metal Specialties Corporation, discusses with Herman Kesler, president of AMSCO, the merits of the Kidd-E-Shu-Shine Bank, a toy designed to help youngsters to earn money by shining their own shoes as well as dad's.

landed him in the hospital—and paved the way for his subsequent career in the toy industry. During his hospitalization, he spent his leisure designing a novel infants' exercise toy for his son, then six months old. It was a colorful plastic cylinder, the shape and size of a Quaker Oats box, designed to be suspended across the baby's crib or playpen to encourage the child to do upside-down bicycle kicks and other strengthening exercises. Called "Cradle Spin," the exercise toy was later patented and licensed for manufacture by a leading toy producer. It is now on sale all over the world and is used as a therapeutic device in the children's wards of hundreds of hospitals.

Although he had worked in the toy department of Bamberger's Newark (N. J.) store while a student at Seton Hall, Harvey had never before given serious thought to a career in the toy industry. The success of the "Cradle Spin," however, encouraged him to resign from the Bureau in late 1946 to become a manufacturer's agent in the toy field. Later, the contacts,

friendships and associations which he had formed while a Special Agent were to play an important part in his new work.

### Fastest-Growing Firm

American Metal Specialties Corporation, or AMSCO, which Harvey joined in 1949, is one of the world's top ten toy producers today. Newly organized in 1949, it has since exhibited the fastest growth of any firm in the industry. Harvey has grown with the firm, advancing from a salesman's job to the position of sales manager, and then to the key post of vice president in charge of sales which he holds today.

AMSCO toys, nationally advertised and internationally famous, include some 31 metal and packaged items for "kids who want to play grown-up." Every toy in the AMSCO line (new ones are added every year) enables children to imitate adult activities through fascinating, creative play with realistic objects. Such toys as the "Doll-E-DoDish" (a complete dishwashing set with junior-sized

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### *Grapevine Editor Honored*



Judge Gordon A. Philips of Trenton, N. J., editor of the Grapevine, is pictured standing behind the Award of Merit which was presented to him at the Chicago Convention. Holding the plaque (left) is Richard H. Simons, vice president of the Adley Express Company who made the presentation, and the Hon. Martin H. Kennelly, Mayor of Chicago (right). At the left is Society President Mortimer J. Davis, and to the right of Mayor Kennelly are U. S. Attorney George R. Blue of New Orleans, who last year was fourth vice president of the Society, and the Rev. James T. Hussey, president of Loyola University of Chicago. (Copies of this photo and other convention pictures may be obtained by writing to ETM Studios, 141 West Ohio Street, Chicago 10, Ill. This is photo No. 14).

### *The Past President and His Lady*



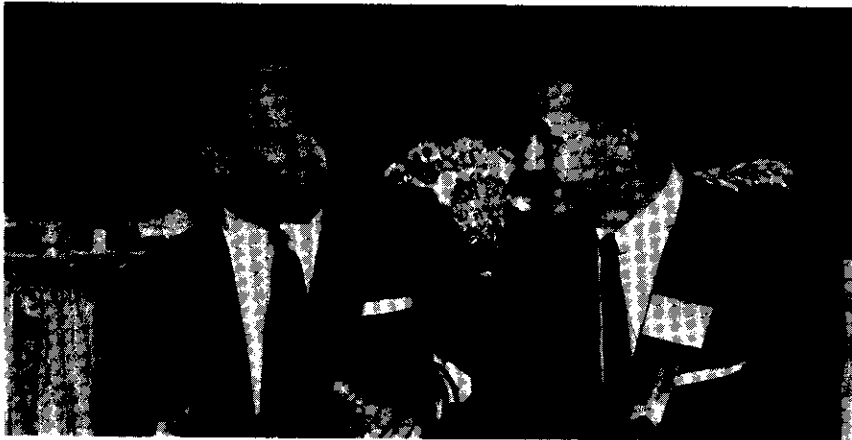
Outgoing Society President Robert M. Dore and Mrs. Dore (center) with other convention delegates and their ladies pause at the buffet table while the cameraman snapped their picture. (Photo No. 10).

### *When Old-Timers Get Together*



Here's a group of veteran Society members snapped during a jovial group at the Chicago Convention. Because the photographers were so busy snapping pictures, they were unable to get the identifying names with each photo. On the extreme left is Wayne S. Murphy, managing director of the Kansas City, Mo., Crime Commission, and third from the right is Ralph D. Brown, coordinator of public relations of the J. C. Penney Company. (Photo No. 57).

### *Delegates From South of the Border*



Arthur L. Melby (left) who is in the import-export business in Guatemala, and Judd A. Austin, an attorney at Mexico City, were among the many convention delegates who came from distant points. (Photo No. 41).

## O'Connor's Directory Approved by Bar

The popular "Law Directory" published by Society member Daniel L. O'Connor recently received the approval of the American Bar Association and has been placed on its accredited list for lawyer listings.

O'Connor's publication lists only lawyers who were former FBI agents and are practicing law. The lawyers contribute the cost of the directory which now in the process of securing listings for the new year.

## Overseas Members Like the Grapevine

Tom Brady, who was with Radio Free Europe before he resigned in September and returned to the States, sent the Society several letters during his tour of the Continent prior to returning home. He and his wife Arline went to Paris where they saw Bob Jackson, then went to Lourdes, Madrid, Barcelona, Geneva, Zurich, Bonn and back to Munich, Germany. Then they headed for Rome, the Isle of Capri and sailed for the U. S. from Naples. "The new Grapevine," Tom wrote from Madrid, "is an answer to an X-Agents prayer."

## Martin in Guatemala

Society Member Edward J. Martin has been named the director of the U. S. Operations Mission to Guatemala. Ed is now residing at the American Embassy at Guatemala City. He formerly practiced law in Milwaukee and was in the Bureau from 1940 through 1950.

## NOTE FROM McCORMICK

A note arrived at Society headquarters several weeks back from John G. McCormick (1943-48) who is general manager for Alvarez & Pascual Inc., wholesale jewelers, at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Jack had just returned to San Juan after a visit to New York, Washington and Havana with his family.

## Convention Praises

### Hoover's Leadership

One of the first official acts of the National Convention at Chicago was to pass a resolution praising FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for his many years of great leadership as the head of the world's finest law enforcement agency.

Society President Mortimer J. Davis was directed by the delegates to notify the Director of the action taken, and the following telegram



was dispatched:

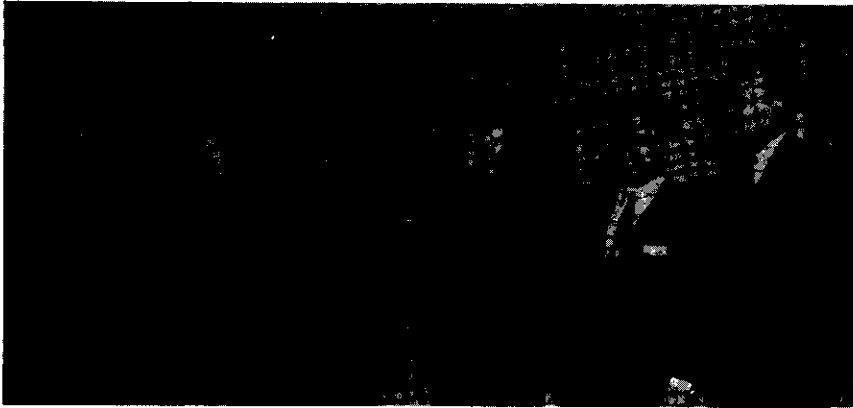
"The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI in their First Annual Convention regrets it was impossible for you to attend the meeting in Chicago and extend our best wishes to you and our assurance of our desire to further the best interests of the Bureau.

"Public declaration of our support of the Bureau under your continued leadership was made in an unanimous resolution passed at the meeting."

Director Hoover has advised Davis that he appreciated the Society's resolution.



## ***Toppers Credit Club Honors Davis***



Mort Davis received a beautifully engraved silver tray at a surprise party in his honor at the Manhattan Club in recognition of his election to the Society's presidency. The presentation was made by Frank Kelly, National Credit Office, who is the president of the Toppers Credit Club, America's largest social credit organization in the textile field. Congratulating the Society's president are Howard Patten, Jr., Meinhard & Co., Inc., William C. Bode, Commerical Factors Corp., Kelly, Sidney A. Stein, Congress Factors Corp. and Vincent T. Dunning, L. F. Dommerich & Co., Inc.

### **Earl Findling is Back In Dallas and Married**

O. Earl Findling (1952-47) really got around during this past year. He was sales manager for a Dallas, Texas company a year ago, then was transferred to San Francisco and the Northwest. During the Summer he was married and early in the Fall returned to Dallas where he started his own business as a manufacturers' representative. He's now residing at 5018 West University, Dallas.

While he was on the West Coast, Earl reports, he was able to attend a few meetings of the San Francisco Chapter, but he was out of the city so much he couldn't establish any regularity.

Now that he's back in Dallas, he hopes to renew friendships with other former Agents in that area.

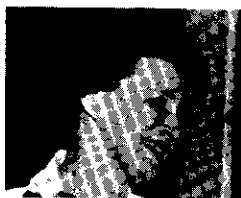
### **Oscar Bowen's Work Keeps Him Moving**

A note arrived at Society headquarters a few weeks ago a real veteran, Oscar A. Bowen (1917-19) who is a consulting engineer.

A resident of the Illinois Athletic Club at Chicago for seven years, Oscar has been out of the city so much that he has changed his mailing address to 9322 South Peoria Street, Chicago 20.

"I've been absent from Chicago since June 2 last," writes Oscar, "and forward mail is usually delayed reaching me because I never know from day to day where I'll be located. His new mailing address, he says, will help to speed up delivery to him. He regretted that he was unable to attend the National Convention at Chicago.

## The Secretary's Page



By FRAN KEOGH

It is very difficult to stop and say thank you individually to each and every Society member we met at the Convention for the first time or to those who were so nice that we had known for 8 years.

The Chicago Chapter boys were extremely cooperative and we had to call on our old faithfuls from New Jersey and New York to help count the ballots.

The Executive Committee has been able to feel how the members from out of town feel and what they want for the future of the Society.

Well the First Convention is over and we are still talking about the good time that was had by all — needless to say from all reports — those that missed Chicago will be with us in Detroit in 1955. It was wonderful to meet old friends and make the acquaintance of new friends — the Convention did one thing — it brought the members together and they realize what a wonderful organization they have.

After the Convention came the Holidays and Nancy joins me in wishing each and every member a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

We are starting 1955 with just one thought in mind — get the Directory to the printer and by the time you read this column — the book will be at the printer and you should receive the book in the very near future.

Well since this is a column about visitors better get busy.

Bill Smith of Cleveland, Ohio — one of our faithful visitors advises he is still working hard — Bill and his charming wife were very nice to me at the Convention — enjoyed meeting them both.

Bill Leece of Washington, D. C., — Counsel — Senate Labor Sub-committee on Welfare & Pension Funds was

sorry to advise he would not be in Chicago — I'm sure Bill wishes he had come.

### News About the Boys

Marshall J. Bell of Chicago, Ill., reinstated himself in the Society — living in Park Ridge, Ill. — met him again at the Convention. . . . Charlie Gannon never forgets us — always visits when he is in New York. According to the Christmas Card — he is overseas at the present time. . . . John F. Leahy of Pittsburgh, Pa., was attending the ATA Convention in New York. . . . H. K. Garges, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., saw the office and was leaving the next day. . . . Bill Seery finally got uptown to the Hotel Roosevelt and saw the new office. . . . Harvey Rath sorry he couldn't attend the Convention — busy season for Harvey — Christmas rush — toys.

Joe Doherty of Bell Labs, had the day off — going to do some Christmas shopping and thought he would check to see whether or not the Society office was open on election day. . . . Howard Ross was in the Hotel at 9:35 P.M. one night and decided to see if the Secretary was working 13 hours a day — we were.

The Public Relations Committee held a meeting in the Society office — Vince Hurley, Chairman — met with Jerry Tracy, John Vincent and Bob Dore to decide what should be done to publicize the Chicago Convention.

Art Thurston of Shelbyville, Ind., was in the office when Paul Hayes of Chicago and Elmhurst, Ill., came in — met Paul at the Convention. . . . Jim Harris signed up a batch of applications. . . . John M. Fisher was at the Hotel Roosevelt. . . . Clifford Reeves of Birmingham, Ala., said hello and looked at the office. . . . Milton Adams of Delmar, N. Y., applied for membership in the Society. . . . Bill Mitchell of Detroit, Mich., missed the Convention but did get to New York

## Two Came From Dallas



Society member James J. Metcalfe, syndicated columnist of "Portraits" and who was toastmaster of the convention banquet, is pictured with Mrs. Metcalfe at the right of the photo above. The Metcalfes reside in Dallas, Texas. (Photo No. 40).

— missed meeting him — still in Chicago when he came in. . . . Kenneth M. Raupach of Hastings, Nebr., a new member almost immediately after the 1954 book went to press.

### More Sidelights

Orrell A. York of Watertown, N. Y., said hello while in New York. . . . Leo Carroll of Boston, Mass., attended the Annual National Foreign Trade Convention representing the U. S. Dept. of Commerce. . . . Adrian C. Smith called and advised he was staying at the Mayflower Hotel — he was a successful candidate in the last election. . . . John J. Walsh of the Baltimore Chapter attending the Conservation Conference, Newark. . . . Gus T. Jones at the Roosevelt — met Mr. and Mrs. Jones at the Convention. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lail of Denver, Colo., stopped in after the Convention — we had made a reservation for them at the Roosevelt — met the Lails at the Convention — Mrs. Lail came over and said thank you for the reservation as we signed out from the Chicago Convention. . . . John F. Dingwall of Fort Lauderdale, left a note under the door.

Mort Davis the new President came in the first day back from Chicago and started the ball rolling. Things

are running along very smoothly and the Committees will be picking up from now on.

Bob Sullivan stopped in the office to pick up resume forms. . . . Ed Kennelly of Washington, D. C., met Joe DeFranco in the office — old friends — left and went to lunch together. . . . John Dinsmore of Texas — met him at the Convention — visiting in New York for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Bracken of Hartford, Conn. John was the successful candidate — wishes to thank Gordon for the wonderful write-up in the Grapevine — recognized them from their picture — they said we should have had the sound effects with the picture — both look exactly like the picture.

Robert E. Furcolow of Washington, D. C., visiting for the holidays — met Mort Davis and congratulated him on his recent election. . . . Ed Kenefick we missed him at the Convention — he suggests we count our Martinis instead of sheep — have news for you Ed — never had one. . . . Emmett McNamara and Morse Conroy met at the office — Morse missed the Convention so Emmett brought him up to date on how successful the 3 days turned out. . . . Daniel W. Pesanic of

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## *McArdle Real Sorry He Missed That Convention at Chicago*

F. J. McArdle, now territorial security supervisor for Sears, Roebuck and Co., with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., isn't going to miss the next Society convention if he can help it.

He heard Tom Davis and Lee Jenkins, who did attend, give a report on the Chicago convention at the last meeting of the Atlanta Chapter. "We all know now, if we didn't know before, that we really missed a bang-up convention," he writes.

Society member McArdle does considerable traveling in the South and speaks frequently at Crime Clinics in various cities. At a Crime Clinic at Charlotte, N. C., he shared the platform with Police Chief Frank Littlejohn who, reports McArdle, "is probably known personally to more Special Agents and former Special Agents than any other police official.

He has been in office a long time and has always helped the young Agents sent to Charlotte. He is right proud of 'his boys' and spent a great deal of time with me talking about them. Chief Littlejohn wants to extend his greetings to all his friends in the Society."

McArdle addressed the Crime Clinic on the subject, "Training Employees in Store Protection." The Merchants Association of North Carolina thought so well of the talk that it printed and distributed 7,000 copies throughout the state.

At another Crime Clinic at Raleigh, N. C., Society member McArdle had lunch with X-Agent Ed Scheidt, now commissioner of motor vehicles in North Carolina. They had quite a time talking over their Bureau days.

### *Met in North Carolina*



Society member F. J. McArdle, territorial security supervisor for Sears, Roebuck and Company, is pictured above (left) with Chief of Police Frank Littlejohn of Charlotte, N. C. Chief Littlejohn is widely known among all Agents who were assigned to the Charlotte Office. McArdle and Littlejohn were speakers at a recent Crime Clinic held at Charlotte.

# *With Our Chapters*

## *Philadelphia Greet New President*



Philadelphia Chapter Secretary Tom McDevitt and officers pledge support to Society President Mort Davis following the national election results at the Chicago Convention. Left to right are Austin Gunsel, chairman, John Doyle, treasurer, President Davis, McDevitt and George J. Frye.

### **Philadelphia**

In the words of Max Chaffetz, whose picture is likely to turn up in the Grapevine with any chapter in the country, "This was the best meeting we have had for a long time." He was, of course, referring to our last meeting on November 18. The thanks of all of us go to Commissioner Bert Bell for a swell talk and to Aus Gunsel, his right hand man, for arranging the affair.

We were naturally all pleased to see in attendance "old timers", Joe McDevitt and Ed Williams and some of the original chapter members such as Bill Clothier, Sam Blaskey and a few others. We hope they continue to come. We also hope the splendid turnout of November 18 continues.

Bert's talk was followed by a report on the Convention by the mem-

bers who attended. It is interesting to know that 9 members from our chapter were at Chicago; Gene Charters, John Doyle, Aus Gunsel, George Frye, Len Cook, Max Chaffetz, Ed Eggart, Bill Cahill from Camden and your Secretary. Needless to say, for you all saw or heard about it in the New York Times and other newspapers, the Convention was a real success and we are all looking forward to Detroit, the site of next year's Convention.

While at Chicago we received the firm commitment from Mort Davis and Gordon Philips to be our guests at the January 1955 meeting. Mort, as you know, was recently elected President of the Society while Gordon received the first Annual Award of Merit, for being the member who did the most in the past year for the Society. Incidentally, Morty

Davis' speech at the banquet in Chicago was one of the highlights of the Convention.

Unfortunately for our Chapter and fortunately for the Boston Chapter, is the fact that Woody Pett and Don DeHart have left this area to take new employment with the Gillette Safety Razor Company in South Boston, Massachusetts. Woody is in charge of Personnel Training and we have been advised by a reliable and confidential source that Don is soon to take the place of the parrot between rounds of the fights. We have also lost our former Chairman, George Coyle, who has been transferred to North Jersey by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. George is now back home. However, we do have a replacement for him in the person of Neil Green, late of the New York office of the Bureau. Neil formerly played ball for Frank Leahy at Notre Dame and we wish to welcome him to the Chapter. Also new on our rolls is Arthur Ford, a C.P.A., from Ocean City, New Jersey, who hopes to be able to attend one of our meetings soon.

### Detroit

The "Pre-convention" meeting of the Detroit Chapter on November 10th found twenty-two members firmly committed to be in attendance at the First Annual Convention of the Society. A special car on the New York Central was to assure a pleasant trip, with arrival scheduled in time for the Friday night Cocktail Party.

Dave Burgess was selected as Delegate to represent the Chapter at the Convention and by unanimous vote he was directed to persuade the selection of Detroit as the Convention City for 1955.

From every report received, the Chicago Convention was a huge success and we in Detroit stand in salute to each and every committee member for this splendid accomplishment.

We are also proud of the job Dave Burgess did in convincing the membership to come to Dynamic Detroit in '55. Work is already under way to make the next Convention one no member will dare miss. Details will be forthcoming as soon as the Committee already selected have had a chance to organize.

As 1954 comes to a close, we in Detroit extend our heartiest congratulations to Bob Dore and his fellow officers for a most successful term of office — one that goes down in the Society's history as "the year of Accomplishment". To his successor, Mort Davis, and his associates, we pledge to "be alive in '55".

Newly elected officers of the Detroit Chapter for 1955 are: R. A. Ulseth, Chairman; H. T. O'Connor, Vice-Chairman; Harold Fleming, Secretary; and Milt Dickerson, Treasurer.

Happy New Year to all!

Harry T. O'Connor  
Vice Chairman

### Los Angeles

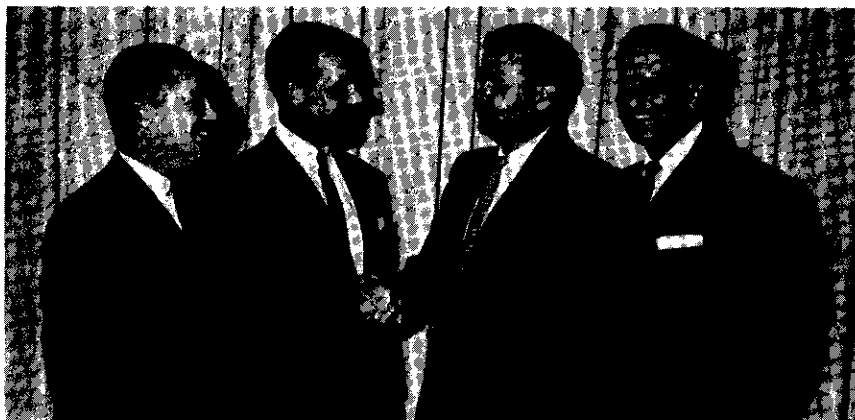
At the October meeting of our Society, Attorney Frank W. Doherty was elected to succeed Judge Evelle J. "Ev" Younger as Chairman for the coming year. Other officers elected and installed were Undersheriff Peter J. "Pete" Pitchess, Vice Chairman and Attorney Don Rosen, Secretary-Treasurer.

California's recently reelected Attorney General, Edmund G. "Pat" Brown was guest of honor and principle speaker at the Election-Installation dinner and related some of the duties of his office as the state's No. 1 law enforcement officer and chief counsel, as well as some of his principles and future objectives in heading the state's legal arm during the next four years. A proposal to amend California's Weapons Control law was one matter included in the popular Attorney General's remarks.

Marshall W. Houts, New York Chapter, joined with nearly 70 members of the Los Angeles Society at the October dinner, including: B. M. Ptacek, Bob Erskine, Bill McCloud, Donald A. Rosen, Donald D. Paul, Bill McKay, H. H. Slate, Vince Portes, William E. South, Bob Harrington, A. R. Miller, Donald Aldrich, Art Coffman, Evelle J. Younger, Art Wittenberg, H. W. Hess, Jas. E. Hamilton, A. B. Leckie, Bill McAdam, Marcus T. Frank Maiken, Frank W. Doherty, Lynn C. Gray, T. E. Billings, Joseph Dunn, Joseph P. McCarthy, John L. Murphy, and H. E. Roberts, all of Los Angeles.

Also attending were Earl Hightown, Bel Air, Roy E. Buchanan, Gardena;

## Los Angeles Chapter's New Officers



Judge Evelle J. Younger, (second from left) retiring Chairman, congratulates Frank W. Doherty on his election to the top spot in the Los Angeles Chapter of the Society following their Annual Election Dinner meeting on October 7th. Other new officers for the coming year are Peter J. Pitchess, (right) Undersheriff of Los Angeles County, Vice Chairman and Don Rosen, (left) Secretary-Treasurer.

Earl Gustkey, Newport; Dick Grace, Glendale; John J. Murphy, Jr., North Hollywood; E. B. Ryder, Van Nuys; Louis G. Turner, Pacific Palisades; John Norton, Sherman Oaks; George Harvey, E. K. Merritt, and H. Frank Angell, Hollywood; Tom Cooney, Brentwood; George Thomson, Stan Dicker, Pat Horgan, and David K. Robinson, Pasadena; Hal Marlowe, Encino; Edward B. Hubley, and Fred Ragsdale, Alhambra; Peter J. Pitchess, Arcadia; Will Newman, Beverly Hills; Charles W. Smith, San Gabriel; Tom Heffernan, Corona Del Mar; George Gutteridge, Borrego Springs, Newman Brand, Santa Anita, and Louis Cochran, Santa Monica.

Don Rosen

### Kentucky

Our Chapter decided that Kentucky Colonel ties would be worn to the National Convention and, from the favorable response at Chicago, it appears to have been a good decision. Jim Young was designated the official delegate of the Chapter to the National Convention, with all convention go-ers being designated as alternates

to assist Jim in the various committee assignments. After all, he couldn't attend a dozen committee meetings at the same time.

The regular quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 6, was a lot of fun — inexpensive for some and a little costly for others — depending on how well you could "pick the ponies." It started off in the afternoon with the races at Churchill Downs and ended with a dinner at the Shrine Temple. We were happy to see so many out-of-town members. Ray Zollner reported he was exceptionally lucky; however, Marshall Funk was complaining that he didn't even win enough to show a profit after paying all expenses for the round trip from Bowling Green. It is rumored that Marshall got hold of the wrong tout. It was also a pleasure to have as guests two X-SA's, now with the Velde House Committee on Un-American Activities, who just happened to be in town on business. It was a nice day and a real good meeting.

Next came the National Convention in Chicago. After a slow start in lining up sure starters, we wound up with 12 of our 27 National Chapter

members at the convention. The Convention, to put it mildly, was a huge success. All who had a hand in putting it over deserve a tremendous applause.

The regular monthly luncheon at Leo's Hideaway on December 7 was again well attended. The entire conversation was centered around the wonderful time that was had by all at the convention in Chicago. Everyone was amazed at the large number of old friends that they had seen for the first time in many years — just like "old home week."

Nelson Perry

### Nassau-Suffolk- N. Y.

Don Salamack, chairman of the Nassau-Suffolk Chapter, N. Y., announces that the group held a dinner-dance at the Georgian Inn at Huntington, L. I., on Saturday night, December 3. Wives of members were the honored guests. Members who attended with their wives included Chairman Salamack, John Pryor, Joseph Dooley, John Madigan, Jack Klauer, Robert McCormick, William Hartnett, William Hanrahan, William Conroy, James Lynch, Arthur McGurty and Tom McAvoy.

Tentative plans were made by the executive board for another cocktail party and buffet supper in February with both members and wives invited. A quarterly meeting also has been scheduled for June.

### Atlanta

The regular quarterly meeting of the Atlanta Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., was held at the Buckhead Elks Club, 2765 Peachtree Road, N.E., at 7:00 P.M., November 29, 1954. Those in attendance were:

Lee F. Jerkins, Chairman, Ward Wight, Jr., Ross Arnold, Lee Cottrell, Roswell Smith, Cecil Huxford, Frank McArdle, Don Clegg, A. M. Hoffar, R. E. Smith, Charles Edwards, Garvis Sams, Thomas O. Davis, William Whaley, George Tidwell, H. K. Garges, and Felix O. Cox.

The first order of business was to amend the Minutes of the last meeting so as to show the appointment of a Membership Committee, consisting

of Byron Matthews, Roswell Smith, and George Dillard.

Our Chairman, and Tom Davis gave us a very interesting and informative report on the Chicago Convention. They had a rather detailed account of the many proposals and plans presented, some of which were the subject of considerable discussion by the membership. Particularly, the proposal to sell advertising space in the Grapevine.

Lee and Tom reported that a resolution had been adopted by the Convention in Chicago to the effect that it be left to the discretion of the Editor of the Grapevine whether to accept advertising on an experimental or trial basis.

The feeling of the Atlanta Chapter was that value of the Grapevine to the membership lies in its personal nature, and that to include advertising would impair that value.

A motion made by Ross Arnold and seconded by Tom Davis that the Atlanta Chapter go on record as being opposed to leaving the acceptance of advertising by the Grapevine to the Editor, and that we believe no advertising should be accepted by the Grapevine until this question has been submitted to the entire membership of the Society for an expression of opinion on the subject. And, that the Executive Committee of the Society be apprised of our feeling in the matter. This motion was unanimously adopted.

The thanks of the Chapter were extended to Bill Whaley for arranging the best dinner the Atlanta Chapter has enjoyed to-date.

Felix O. Cox  
Secretary

### Chicago

The Chicago Chapter elected the following officers for the coming year: Chairman, Donald R. McVay. Vice-Chairman, John F. Baker. Secretary, James Hanley. Treasurer, James P. Joice, Jr.

We have received a lot of fine compliments from all parts of the country which you and the Executive Committee should share concerning the convention.

Post-convention comment in the newspapers is to the effect that we had a quiet convention.

Don McVay



## Seattle

Jack Wilcox, former Special Agent in Charge of the Seattle Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been elected Chairman of the Seattle, Washington Chapter of the Society.

The Vice-Chairman is Mr. Leo Johnston and we have again called on the very capable services of Mr. A. Dean Worthington to act as our Secretary-Treasurer.

L. H. Miller

## Canal Zone Kids Want

### To be Junior G-Men

Society member William G. Tharp who is in Balboa, Canal Zone, writes to headquarters that a lot of youngsters in the Canal Zone are anxious to join a Junior G-Man Society. He wonders whether the National Society sponsors such groups and if not whether we know of such an organization in the States.

The Society, of course, doesn't sponsor such an organization and the Grapevine is not aware that such a junior group exists. If any member does know of such an organization, Bill Tharp would appreciate hearing from you. His address is P. O. Box 1465, Balboa, Canal Zone.

## Oklahoma to Form New City Chapter

Society Member Burton F. Wiand an executive official with Cities Service Gas Company at Oklahoma City, writes National Headquarters that a meeting was held recently in the oil capitol for the purposes of establishing a new chapter.

There were 12 former agents in attendance and all agreed to be charter members. It is reported there are more than 25 prospects for membership in this area and Burton has appointed a committee to canvass the city for applicants.

## New National Honors For Bemis Lawrence

New honors were conferred recently upon Society member H. Bemis Lawrence of Louisville, Ky.

Having served with distinction as president of the National Association of License Law Officials during 1954, he recently was elected chairman of the executive committee for 1955 at the association convention in Cleveland.

The association is composed of license law officials from 41 license law states in the United States, District of Columbia, Hawaii, and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Ontario. These officials are in charge of the registration and supervision of more than 400,000 real estate brokers and salesmen.

Lawrence previously served as a director and vice president of the association. He is presently secretary-counselor of the Kentucky Real Estate Commission, is counsel for the Louisville Real Estate Board and also counsel for various municipalities in the Louisville area. He has been very much in demand as a speaker at various state real estate conventions.

## LaPachet Predicts West Coast Activity

Bob LaPachet of 1045 Brannan Street, San Francisco 3, Calif., who was unable to make the Chicago convention, was pleasantly surprised nevertheless by his election as second vice president of the Society.

In a note to Society headquarters Bob extends his appreciation for the honors accorded him and says "you'll be hearing a lot more from us out here."

# *New Chemical is Found For Latent Fingerprints*

## **Appel Reports Excellent Results With Use of Ninhydrin on Old Documents**

By Charles A. Appel, Jr.

A recently discovered method for developing old fingerprints on documents offers great promise.

The discovery was made by accident when a biochemist at the University of Uppsala, (Sweden), sprayed "ninhydrin," a reagent sensitive to amino (body) acids on a notebook. The result was reported in an article "Detection of Fingerprints by the Ninhydrin Reaction," in the March 6, 1954 issue of *Nature*, a British scientific publication. A newspaper dispatch carried this news and the writer invited attention of the FBI Laboratory to the claim. Research there was discussed in the November 1954 FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

### **Excellent Results**

In his own laboratory work the writer, using the new method, has developed successfully, latent fingerprints undiscovered by old tests.

As the reagent is applied without interference with old procedure the new treatment offers an additional analysis, not a substitution.

It is impossible to give a final assessment of the new method at this time, or until research and experience uncover any defects now unknown. However all experience to date suggests without exception, that an additional important basic procedure is at hand.

The writer is now treating all cases with ninhydrin as well as iodine and silver nitrate (provided of course permission to stain the paper is received).

The new process is used between fuming with iodine and washing with silver-nitrate. Fingerprints developed are colored a brownish pink or red, and are permanent. They do not interfere with use of a document in ev-

idence, except to the extent of showing the fingerprint pattern in addition to any writing, and of course mingled therewith, if existing at this place. The reagent may if desired be applied only to areas of the paper not bearing writings, and undoubtedly there will be developed procedure to remove these fingerprint stains.

### **Not Affected by Humidity**

The new method supplies an answer to the defects of old methods which sometimes fail because of inability to get the document to the laboratory soon after impressed with the latent impressions. Conditions of handling and humidity in the meantime interfere with analysis, but do not appear to affect the new process.

In order that members may recall the old techniques and the failure to secure fingerprint patterns because of conditions of humidity and age there follows a brief statement of the routine procedure used here (and in many civil and crime laboratories) when full treatment for latent fingerprints is requested. Submissions should be accompanied by instructions as to staining the document and preparing photographic negatives before and after development.

The new system does not interfere with and is inserted between iodine and silver nitrate tests. It is the practice of the writer to discontinue treatments upon the development of impressions clearly useful for identification, rather than risk their destruction during further tests. Such further tests are then applied if instructed by a client, and of course only after photography.

### **Old Procedure Explained**

The old laboratory analysis for latent fingerprints followed a routine

succession of tests for development to visibility of substances in perspiration impressed on paper. These are fats and salts. Reagents applied to the paper change their invisibility to color contrasting with the unmarked paper.

Iodine fumes which become absorbed in fat or oily deposits color these brown. Iodine also reacts with starch, turning this blue. Papers containing starch, when treated with iodine, turn blue (if moisture is present) while the fingerprints turn brown. Thus a maximum contrast best suited for photography is secured. The presence or amount of blue color in the paper background can be regulated by blowing moisture against the surface between applications of the iodine fumes.

The iodine fumes are applied by hanging the document in a box filled with fumes by heating iodine crystals; or by blowing air passing over crystals against the paper. In the one method all surfaces are subjected to iodine uniformly while with the gun it is possible to treat selected areas only. This blow-gun is also useful in applying iodine fumes to surfaces at the scene of a crime. Some painted surfaces, metal etc., respond best with iodine because of the color contrast and concentration of fatty or oily deposits.

Iodine fumes treatment is generally not successful, applied to paper if the fingerprints are not recent. These fatty substances dry out or dissolve as time passes.

Discoloration of a document by iodine fumes disappears under normal room heat in a short time, as the iodine vaporizes again. The process may be expedited by heating. Starch-iodine blue stains do not fume off in this way, as this is a chemical combination reaction.

#### New Procedure

Under the new procedure, after the document is clear, ninhydrin (dissolved in acetone or alcohol) is blown against the paper which is then heated. Fingerprints turn pink, forming a clear contrast to the white background.

The reaction is with amino, body acids or proteins in the sweat, and conditions of humidity which cause deposits of fatty substances or salts to spread and break pattern do not appear to affect these. At any rate

very old prints develop better with ninhydrin than more recent impressions.

After development of ninhydrin patterns silver nitrate is washed over the whole document until it is completely wet. It is then dried on a blotter without exposure to light.

When fully dry exposure to sunlight, ultraviolet radiation or to photographic developer solution will develop latent fingerprints impressed on the paper by salts in the sweat. Such salts migrate or dissolve away from ridge lines more or less rapidly depending upon the amount of moisture present, or within about two years (normal storage conditions). Movement of any extent away from the ridge lines naturally smudges the fingerprint pattern.

#### Suggests Damp Proof Covers

In the tropics, near the sea, or in the excess humidity of Summer, dissolution of ridge lines in fingerprints is expedited, with regard to development by reaction to silver nitrate. For this reason it is always advisable to place documents to be treated in humidity proof (moisture resisting) covers, such as saran or celluloid transparent materials. Transparent substances which absorb moisture or tend to permit its passage are not suitable and are actually less desirable than ordinary manila paper envelopes. If the documents are heated just before enclosure, excess moisture will be driven off and subsequent reabsorption before treatment will be deterred by the cover.

It is requested by the writer that those members who are clients send in any information which they receive as to this or other new laboratory procedure, concerning documents. Additional copies of this article may be had by addressing the examiner direct.

### Berens on Staff at Mayo Clinic

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acteristics, have built an organization that now serves nearly 150,000 patients annually, employs more than 2,000 persons in lay capacities to serve the sick and has more than 900 doctors engaged in diagnoses, surgery, treatment and research.

"The Clinic's three-fold purpose," says Berens, "indicates its well-

rounded program of caring for humanity's first need — health through education, research, and diagnoses and treatment. Two great new buildings are being completed with funds established through the objectives of its founders: that funds paid by the sick should, after a reasonable return to the doctor and other personnel, be returned to the sick, the current and future patients."

#### Aids Society Members

Al reports that many present and former FBI Agents visit Rochester for medical purposes. He makes a special point to be on the lookout for them and to help them in every way possible. A recent visitor to the Mayo Clinic was Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee.

As one of Rochester's leading citizens, Al has been campaign chairman and president of the Community Chest, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and at one time served on Governor Luther Youngdahl's Law Enforcement Advisory Committee which preceded the Kefauver Committee by several years. He was president of the Rochester Rotary Club and did such a swell job that he was elected District Governor.

The years he was in the Bureau and the years since then have been good to Al Berens. He sums it all up this way: "The initial thrill of receiving an FBI appointment, the training schools, the tail jobs, the successful prosecutions, the tips, the confidential informants, even the inspections, the renewal of acquaintances, the fine fellowship and lifelong friends developed, the fellowship that our Society is extending over the years, all make up a mosaic of life which would not have been mine except for the remembered experiences of life with the FBI."

### The Secretary's Page

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Philadelphia (Hatboro, Pa.) advised that he will be working with Frank Carr in 1955 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Hugo Blandori of Connecticut wishes he had more time at the Convention to talk over business ideas with the members of the Society who are in the investigative field — hopes the Detroit Convention will consider

the idea of more time to meet.

We had so many applications for membership the Committee met again within 2 weeks — the full committee is Gerry Tracy, Chairman, Jack Daley, John Hart, Ed Mahler, John O'Mara and Bob Swanson — Mort Davis sat in on the meeting to discuss some ideas, that are pending re the new application blank.

The day after Christmas we arrived in the office to find a very unique present — from Ralph LePore of Wheeling, West Va. — from now on we are Hon. Chief Deputy Sheriff of Ohio County in the State of West Virginia — since we now have a badge — we will be able to make arrests?

The cards came in as usual and we completely covered the doors — our sincere thanks to each and every members of the Society who remembered us.

Good luck and best wishes from Nancy and me.

## Changes of Address

PHILIP E. VUTECH from 244 Milford Street, East Lansing, Mich., to 825 Roosevelt Street, Mason, Mich.

WILLIAM M. WHEELER JR. from 413 Poplar Drive, Falls Church, Va., to 6251 Acacia Avenue, Oakland 18, Calif.

ROBERT W. POPE from State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, N. C., to 704 Pilot Avenue, Fayetteville, N. C.

JOHN P. PROCTOR from Colorado Savings Bank Building, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Alta Vista Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo.

VERNON J. SCHWEIGER to 1665 Northwestern Bank Building, Minneapolis 2, Minn.

RAYMOND P. TRAYNOR to 5309 Big Creek Parkway, Parma 29, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. HAIGHT from 214 Evans Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, to 507 Brightwood Place, San Antonio, Texas.

EUGENE S. BOWMAN from 3540½ Fifth Avenue, to 2715 First Avenue, San Diego 3, Calif.

DAVID E. BURGESS from 820 Ford Building, Detroit, Mich., to 1959 National Bank Building, Detroit 26, Mich.

JOSEPH M. McINERNEY from 1125 12th Street to 1225 13th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

EDWARD C. WILSON from American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden, to c/o Foreign Service Mail Room, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

JOHN R. GLEESON JR. from Fulling Mill Road, RFD 2, Langhorne, Pa., to Jacobs Creek Mill, River Road, Titusville, N. J.

A. G. BROTZE from Panama City, Panama to Avenida Wilson 1494, 8 piso, Lima Peru.

## Rath Started New Career

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dishpan, dishrack, cloths and boxes of cleansers), and the "Kidd-E-Kar Wash" (a set containing Simoniz cleaners and all the miniature equipment for polishing toy cars and bikes) delight children with their realism and teach useful skills.

Harvey, who has had a hand in the creation of nearly all AMSCO toys, and who still considers new product development one of the most important aspects of his job, believes that AMSCO's pioneer use of miniature famous-brand products in its toys is the key to his company's phenomenal overnight success.

Miniatures of the products of 25 of the nation's best-known manufacturers, ranging from Shinola Shoe Polish to Kellogg's Corn Flakes, now appear in AMSCO's realistic toys. These famous brands have played no small part in making AMSCO a famous brand in its own right.

### Bureau Contacts Have Helped

Harvey credits the many lifelong friendships and associations formed while he was with the Bureau with helping AMSCO to obtain many of these tie-ins with national companies. Friendships with many ex-agents, now executives in dozens of diverse industries, have helped Harvey to close deals for miniatures of famous-brand products like the Johnson & Johnson medical products in AMSCO's "Kidd-E-Doctor and Kidd-E-Nurse" kits; the miniature Evenflo feeding bottles in AMSCO's "Doll-E-Nurser" and "Doll-E-Feeder" doll feeding sets; the miniature boxes of Vel, Ajax and Brillo in the firm's popular dishwashing and housecleaning toys.

When he's not selling, designing or testing AMSCO's packaged toys and metal doll furniture, you can find Harvey out on the links, where, despite his success with "miniatures," he shuns miniature golf for the real thing! Very much a family man, Harvey is an active worker in the Cub Scouts, of which his two young sons Tom and Jerry (both full-time toy testers) are members. He's a vice president of his home town PTA, and an active member of the New York Athletic Club.

Although he sometimes casts nostalgic glances back to his days of FBI service, Harvey is definitely settled

on a lifetime career in the toy industry. He finds his work in developing and selling new toys both challenging and stimulating, and believes that AMSCO's outstanding success is proof that the toy industry offers unlimited opportunities for future growth.

Any other reasons why he plans to go on working in Toyland?

"Well," he'll tell you, with a wink, "who wants to grow up, anyway?"

## Charter Revision Is Before Society

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Northeast — Representing Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and District of Columbia.

Southeast — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

North Central — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

South Central — Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Western — Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

### Other Changes

There are a number of other changes proposed, dealing with times and places of Society meetings, executive committee meetings, quorums, membership of nominating committee, filling of vacancies, handling of applications from new members, etc. Each new region will receive a representative on the Executive and nominating committees.

The changes will be outlined in detail at the quarterly meeting on February 2.

The meeting is open to all members of the Society and it is hoped that if you are planning a trip to New York soon you'll arrange it so that you'll be in town around February 2.

The Advertising Club is one of New York's best when it comes to dinners so be prepared for something special that night.

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*We met, in these men, a part of our society especially alert to the protection of liberty. They bring now to their civic responsibilities the same standards they learned as guardians of liberty. They represent a standard of citizenship that every American could well copy.*

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January 24, 1955

Memorandum to Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The attached literature pertains to future meetings of the Society of Former Special Agents and the current applicants for membership. It was forwarded to me by [redacted]

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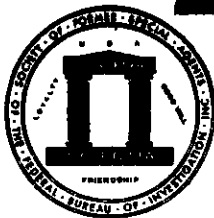
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Member:

Here are the dates of the Society's official meetings for 1955.

February 2nd - New York City  
May 11th - New York City  
September 19th - New York City  
November - National Convention  
Detroit, Michigan

We hope you will be able to attend everyone of these meetings because important matters will be discussed each time.

For instance, at the February 2nd Meeting;

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO GIVE GREATER  
REPRESENTATION TO CHAPTERS.

The San Francisco Chapter has filed the necessary petition requesting a Constitutional amendment along the above lines as discussed at the Convention in Chicago. At the February 2nd meeting this will be the main topic of discussion.

So, it makes it important that you or your Chapter representative be at this February 2nd meeting and give us your ideas about making our organization more effective and more representative.

There will also be an excellent report about the Convention, so if you were not there you are going to be amazed when you learn how much enthusiasm was displayed and how much business was accomplished.

The first three meetings for 1955 will be held in New York, at the

Advertising Club of New York  
23 Park Avenue (at 35th Street)  
New York, N. Y.

We have been able through "connections" to get a good Prime Ribs of Beef, full course dinner considerably below what we have been forced to charge at other places. The cost - \$5.50 (includes gratuities).

Be sure and mark your calendar - see you February 2nd - 6 P.M.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Mortimer J. Davis  
President

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PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$5.50

( ) I WILL BE AT THE FEBRUARY 2nd DINNER MEETING

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Dear Member:

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There are submitted below the names of applicants who have applied for membership in this Society. It is requested that you carefully study this list and in the event you possess any information bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any of the applicants which you believe would render them unfit for membership in the Society, please communicate with the undersigned NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS after the receipt of this letter.

All communications received from you concerning any of the above-named applicants will be treated strictly confidential. Letters bearing adversely upon the character or reputation of any applicant will be immediately destroyed or returned to the author upon their request.

Sincerely,

Gerard B. Tracy  
Chairman, Membership Committee

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February 15, 1955

Mr. Mortimer J. Davis



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Dear Mr. Davis:

It was very kind of you to write as you did on February 9, 1955.

It was also kind of you to extend the invitation to attend the next convention of the Society of Former Special Agents which will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on November 10, 11, and 12, 1955. I am making a note of these dates and I will certainly keep this in mind.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Mohr

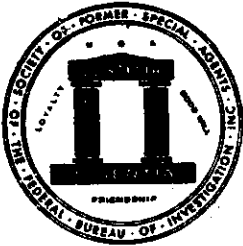


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February 9, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am extremely sorry that I was unable to see you on my recent visit to Washington, because of your absence from the City. I do plan to visit Washington again in the not too distant future and I will contact you or Miss Gandy before hand in the hope that we can arrange an appointment.

The Society will hold its Second Annual Convention at the Statler Hotel in the City of Detroit, November 10-11-12, 1955.

The members of the Society regretted your inability to be present at our first convention in Chicago last November and I have been requested on behalf of the Society to ask that you endeavor to attend our Second National Convention. I am advising you of it at this time, so that you may note it on your calendar and a formal invitation will be extended at a later date.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Mortimer J. Davis*  
MORTIMER J. DAVIS  
President

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2/11/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MORTIMER J. DAVIS  
Former Special Agent  
(President of the Society of Former  
Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.)

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Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

I have been confidentially informed by a very reliable source that this former Special Agent, who is now the President of the Society of Former Special Agents, is pro-Bureau and thoroughly loyal 100%.

*I know he is not H.*  
Recently in Washington, he made the statement that any "S.O.B. who does not support J. Edgar Hoover 1,000% has no brains and has no place in the Society of Former Special Agents." Davis then made the observation that the Director had personally and individually built the FBI into a position of respect and esteem against odds that at times seem almost incomprehensible and at times without support from some of the people in the organization; that the position of Special Agent has been built into one of respect and esteem; that if the FBI or the Director personally falls or is hurt, the Society of Former Special Agents is hurt as is every former agent and that every former Special Agent, who does not give 1000% support to the Bureau, is unworthy.

*He was abnormally glib about this during his speech.*  
*Change last page the entire credit to [redacted]*  
I was further informed that former Special Agent [redacted] submitted an article which was to run in the next issue of "Grapevine." This has been killed on the orders of Davis with the full concurrence of former Special Agent Phillips, the editor.

I have further been informed that Davis has commented on the high regard which former Attorney General Stone expressed pertaining to the Director even prior to the time Stone appointed the Director to his present position; that Davis was very close personally to Stone and travelled with him.

I thought that the foregoing information should be made a matter of record in view of the attached communication from Davis and the fact that on the occasion of Davis' recent visit to the Bureau, the Director was tied up and did not get to see him. Davis has made the statement that he contemplates being in

Attachment  
cc - Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Mohr

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

2/10/55

RE: MORTIMER J. DAVIS, Former Special Agent, President of the Society of Former  
Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.)

Washington in the near future, and he wants to renew old acquaintances with the  
Director and pay his respects; that this need not take more than five minutes.

In view of the foregoing substantial report, I think that the next time  
that Davis comes to town that it would be highly desirable for the Director to shake  
hands with him.

I don't think Davis  
is any bargain  
and I doubt  
that Mr. Tolson  
should see him

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Miss Gandy	✓

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/2/55

FROM : SAC, Newark

SUBJECT: Society of Former Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

I recently met former Special Agent [redacted] whom I knew while assigned to the New York Office in 1943. I met [redacted] in the railroad station in Summit, N. J.

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During the course of the ride into Newark, [redacted] advised me that he was one of a committee designated by the Society to extend an invitation to the Director to attend the Society's convention in Detroit this year. He advised that plans concerning the invitation to the Director had not yet been completed, but he hoped with other members of the committee to call on the Director and extend the invitation.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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